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降魔術
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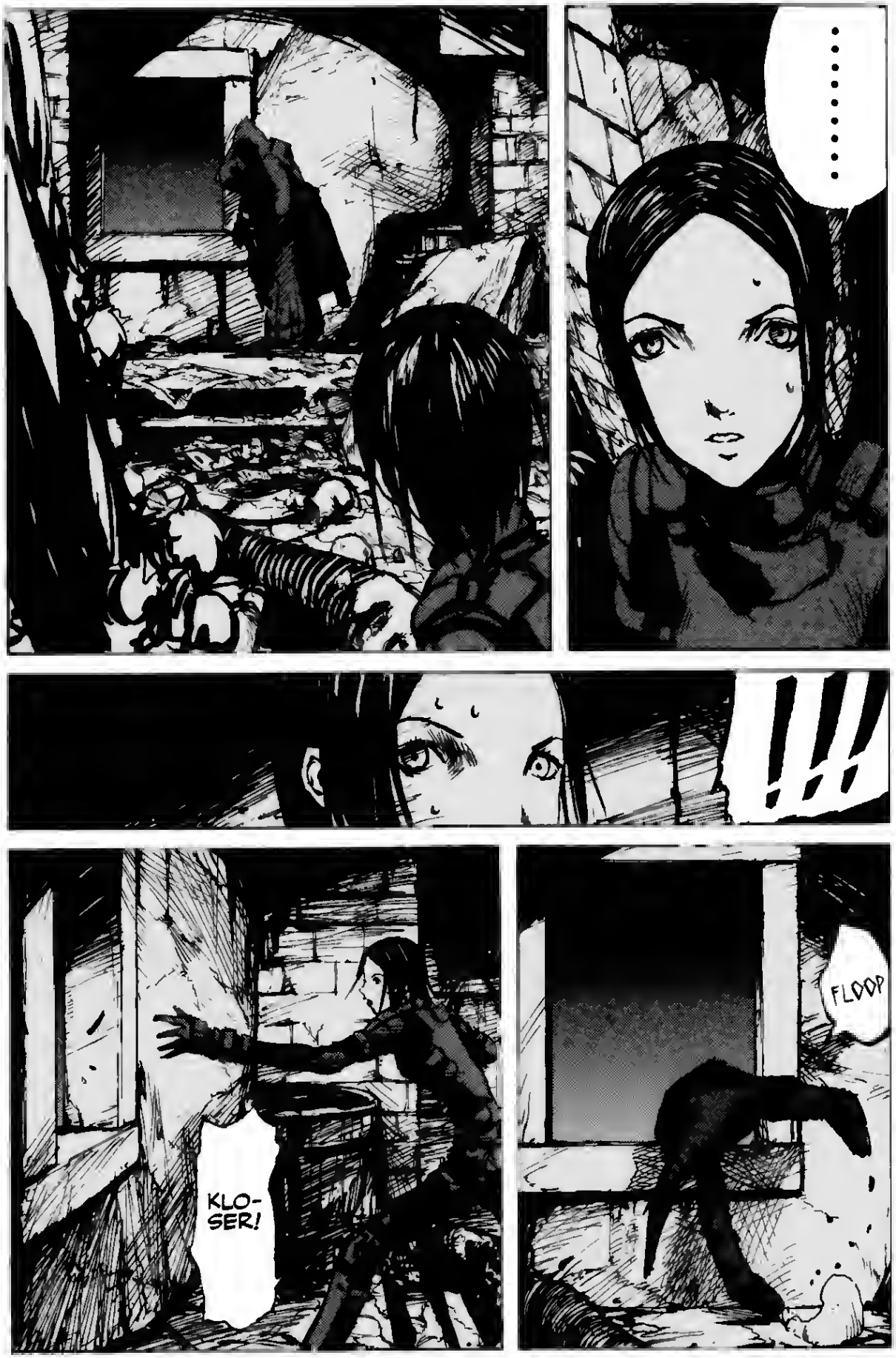
LET'S CHECK THE OTHER ROOMS.
OH MY GOD...

SHIT! THESE ARE THE MISSING KIDS!

!
WAIT, KLOSER! SOME OF THEM MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.

I WILL BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE. I SWEAR.
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING...?
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
KA-CHUK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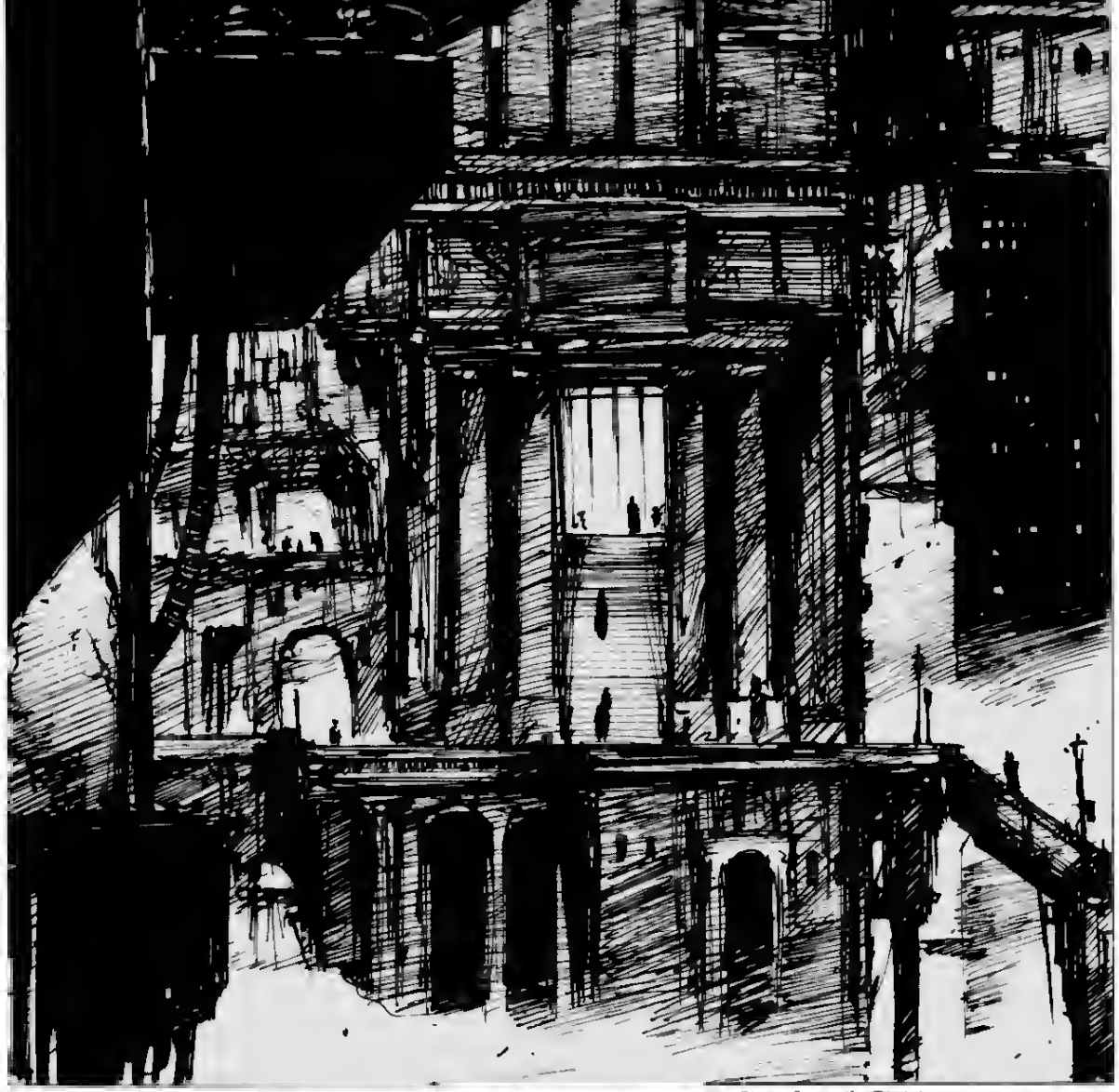
KLO-
SER!
FLOOP

Whoooosh

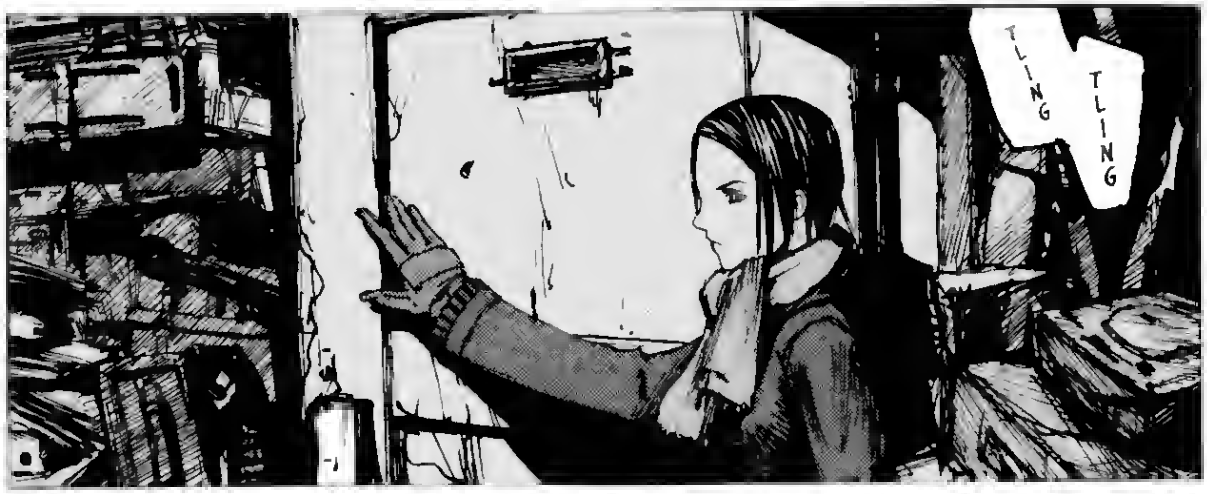


Sign: Juvenile Division

TAKE A LOOK.
WAIT A MINUTE! I WAS JUST THERE... MOMENTS AGO...
WHAT IS THIS?!

NEARLY ALL THE KIDNAPPINGS WERE ON THE LOWER LEVELS. THEY WEREN'T EVEN REGISTERED CITIZENS.
YOU NEED TO COOL OFF, SUSONO.
AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATOR WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT KLOSER, BUT I TALKED HIM OUT OF IT.
FOR THE TIME BEING, I'M LIMITING THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM.
CLICK
THUMP

WAR SHOP


TLING
TLING

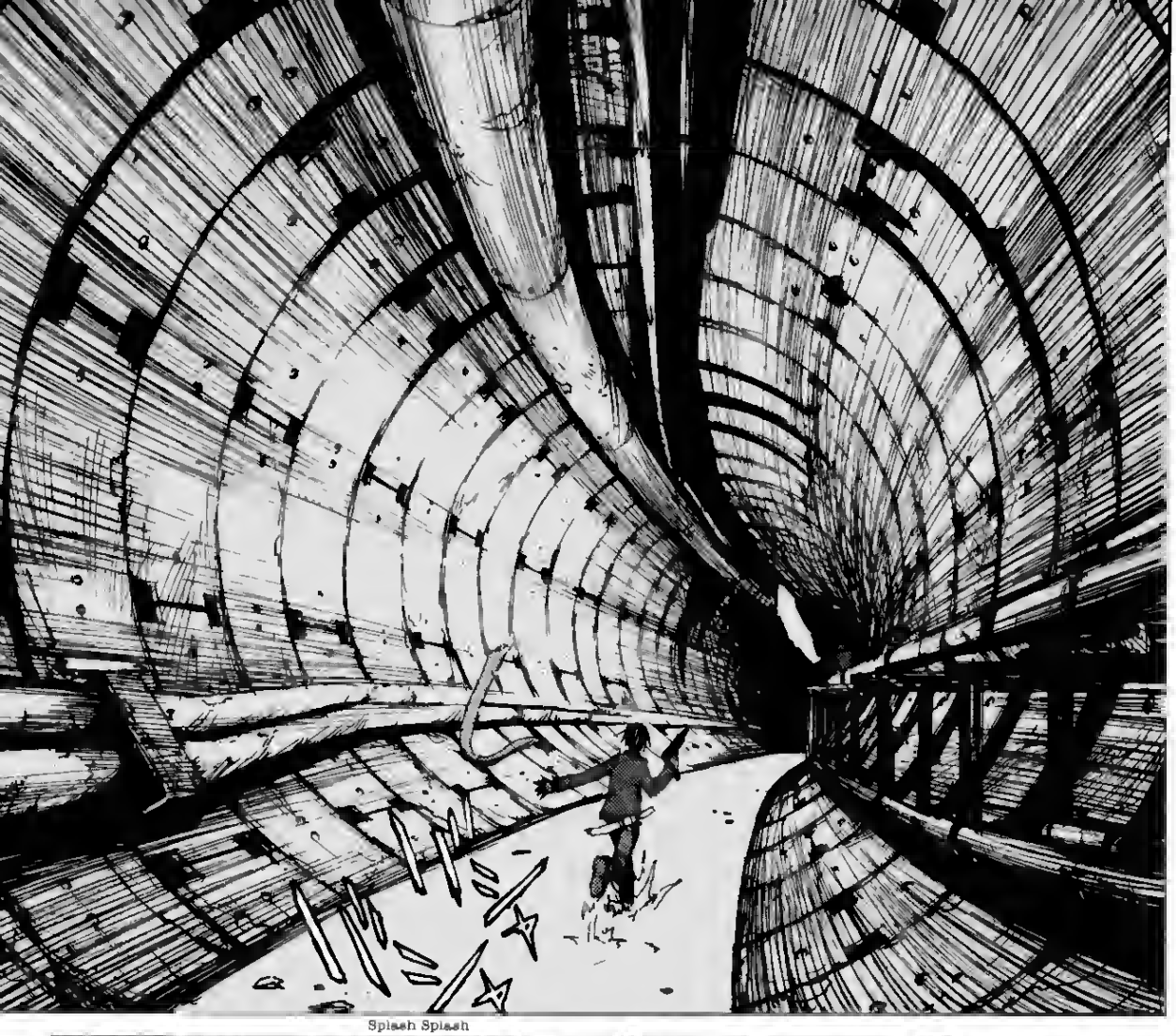
TODAY, I'M JUST A CUSTOMER.
I AIN'T SOLD NO WEAPONS TO NO KIDS LATELY.
WHADDAYA WANT, MUSUBI?

DON'T TOUCH IT.
AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS.
WHAT'S THIS?
WELL, THEN I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE. OUTTA MY SHOP.

HE WAS RIGHT. IT'S ALL GONE...

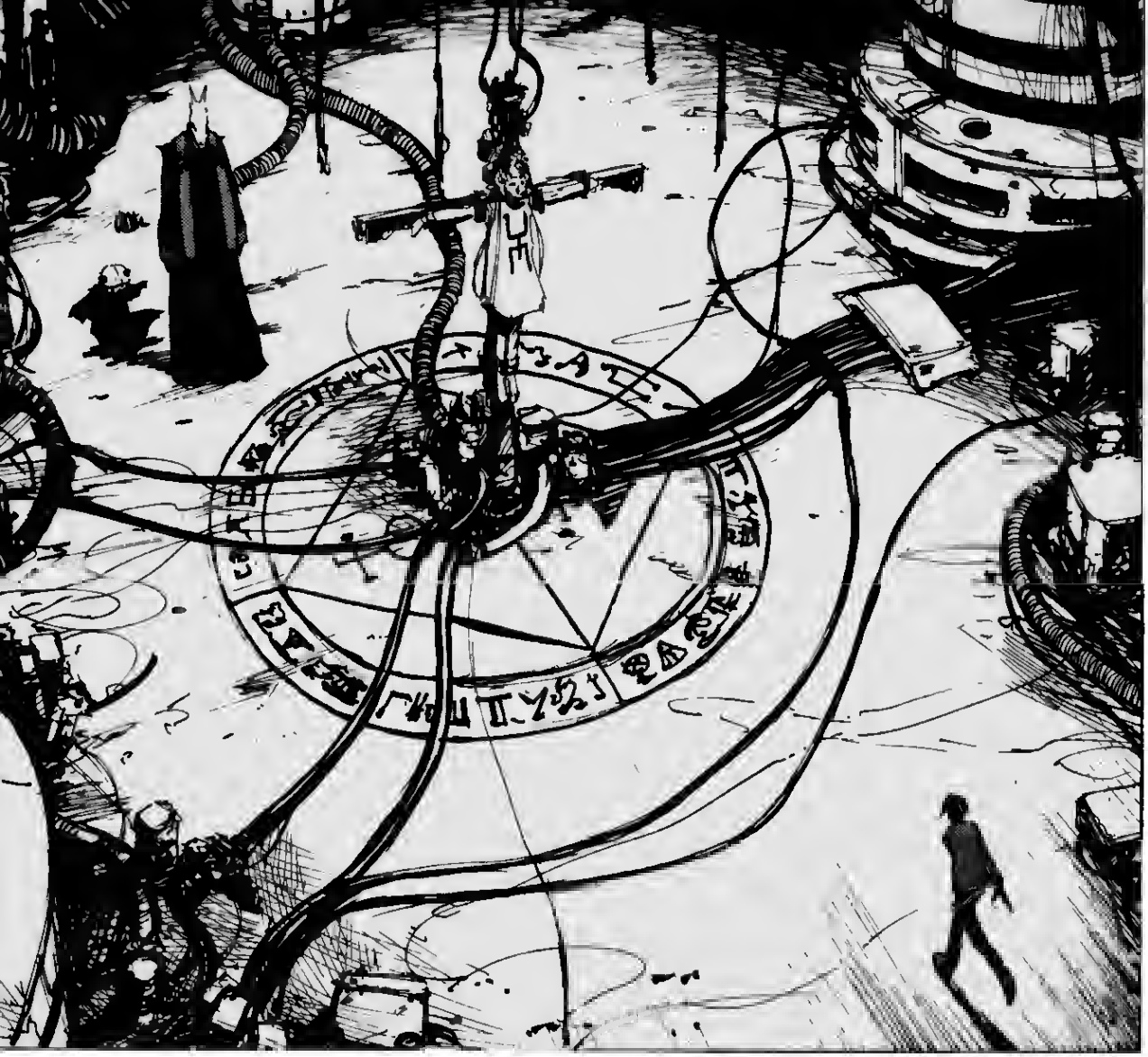
BZZZZZ
KLOSER!

Hee Hee Hee Hee Hee



Splash Splash

Glungg Glungg



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BRT
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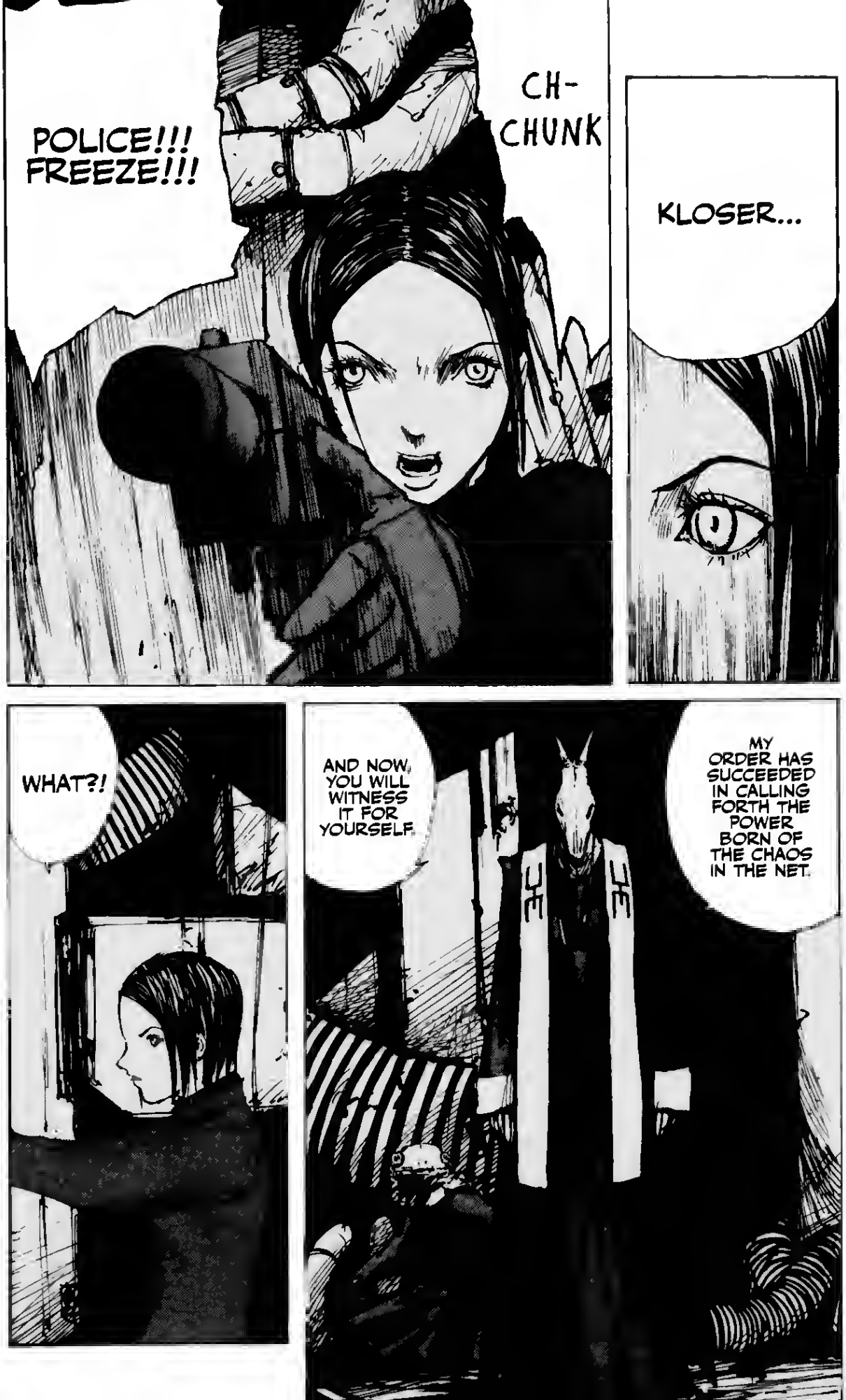
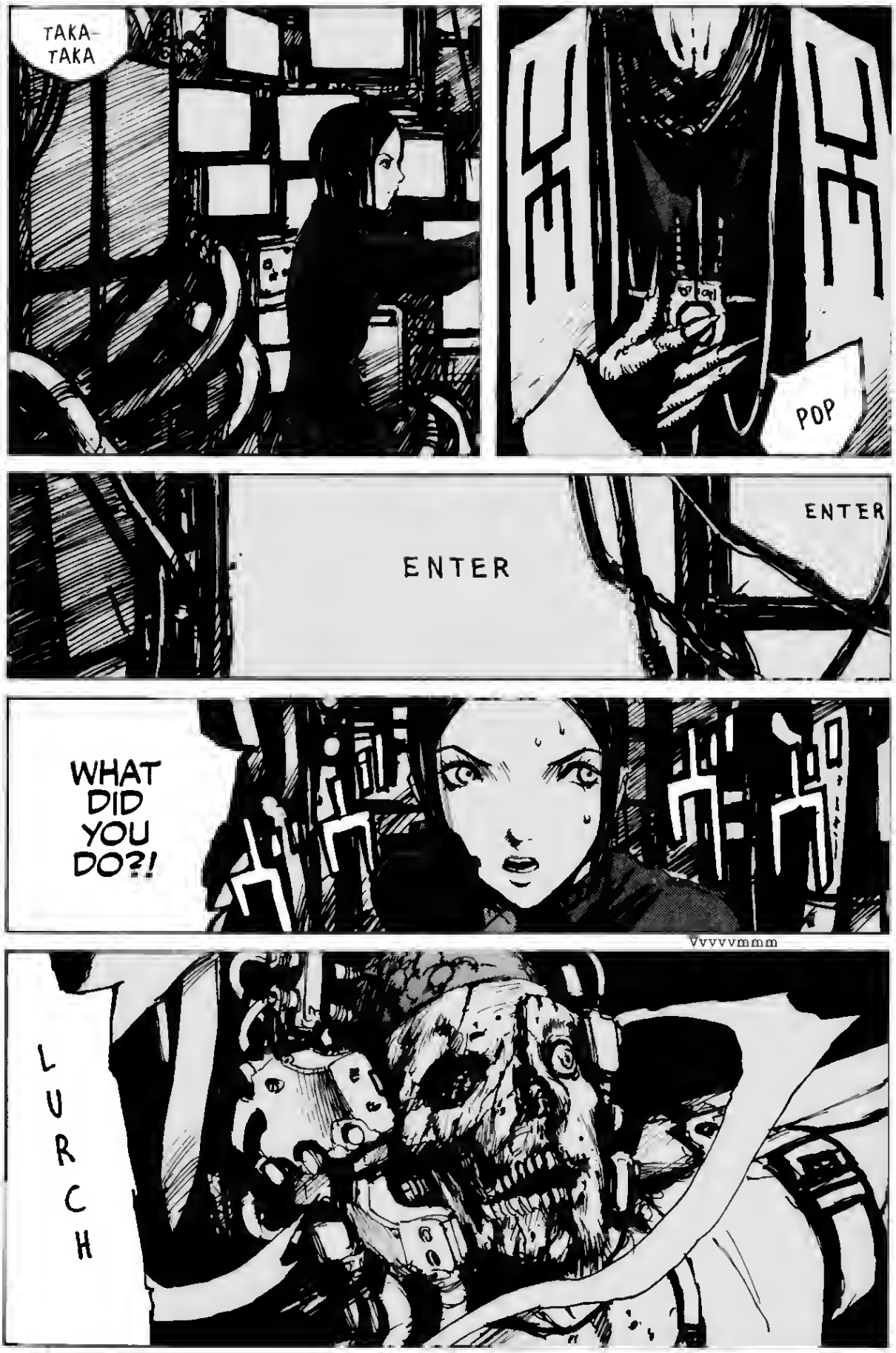
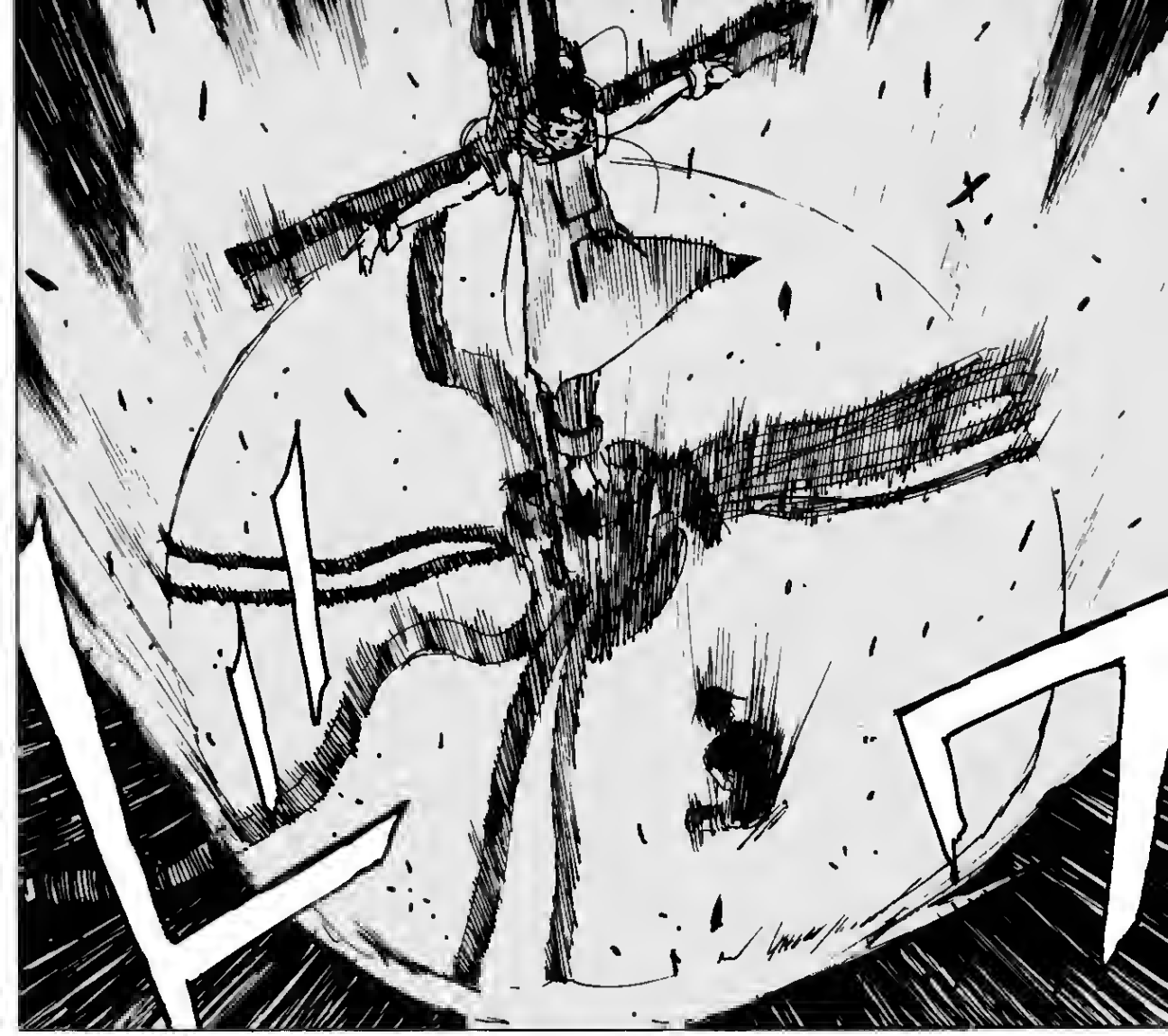

POLICE!!!
FREEZE!!!
CH-
CHUNK
KLOSER...
WHAT?!
AND NOW, YOU WILL WITNESS IT FOR YOURSELF.
MY ORDER HAS SUCCEEDED IN CALLING FORTH THE POWER BORN OF THE CHAOS IN THE NET.

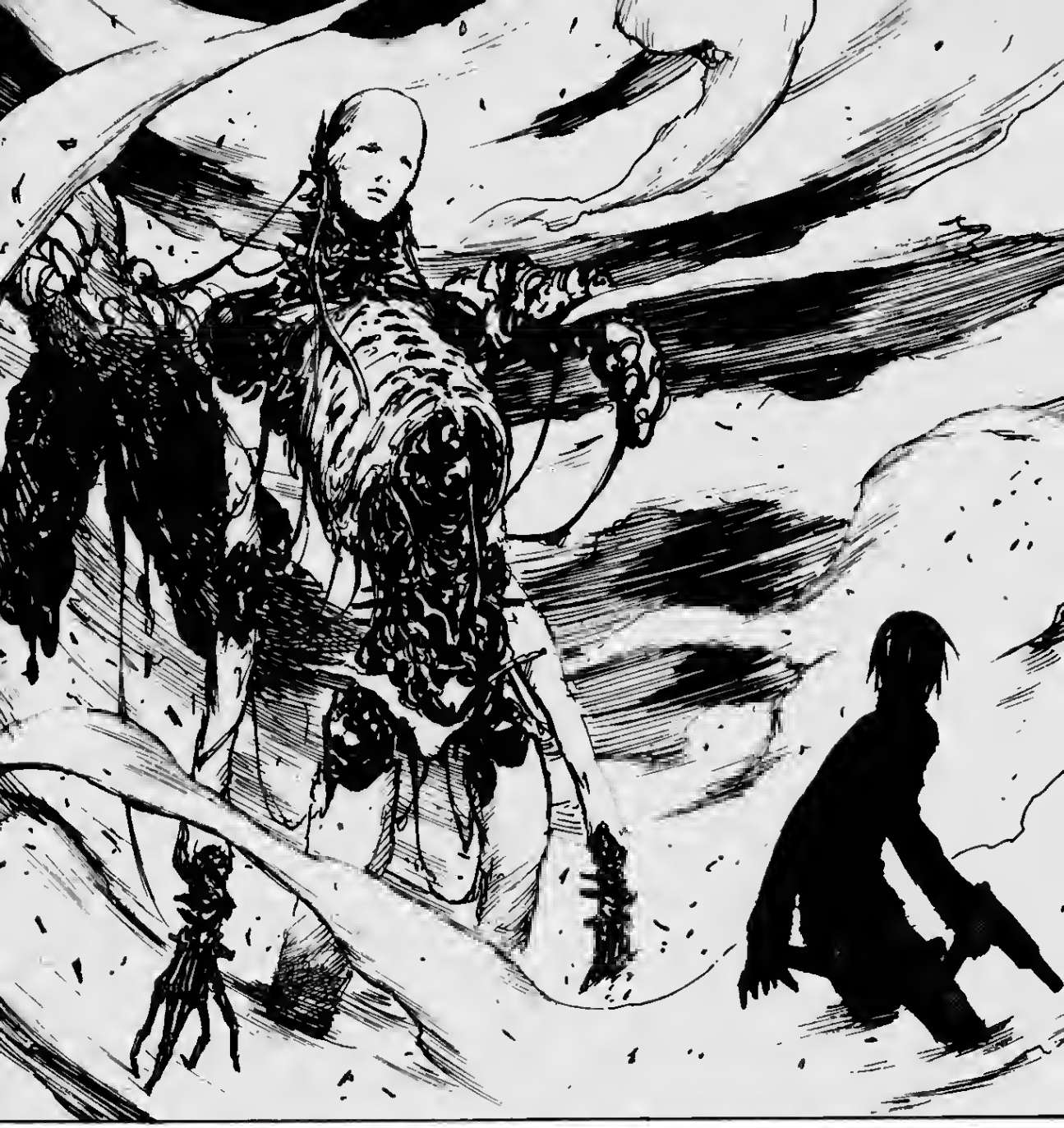

TAKA-
TAKA
POP
ENTER
ENTER
WHAT
DID
YOU
DO?!
Vvvvvmmm
LURCH



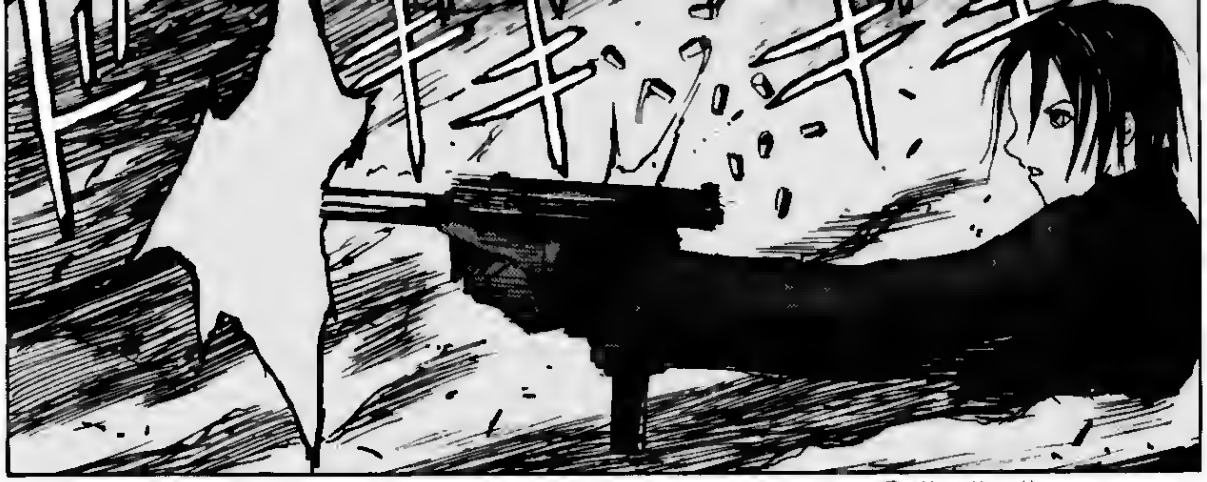
CRAKK

Dooom

Vwoooosh



HE IS BEYOND REACH NOW.
KLOSER?
GLASHK
CLANK CLANK
KLOSER!
RIP
RIP



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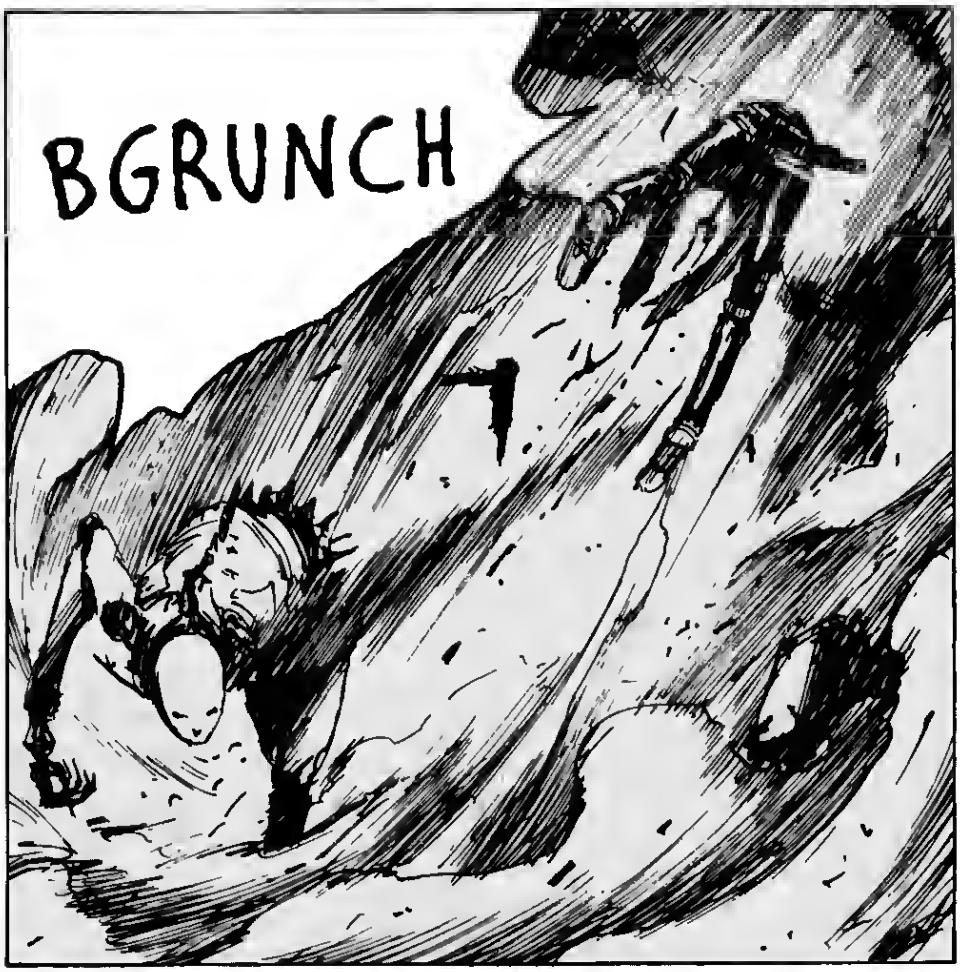
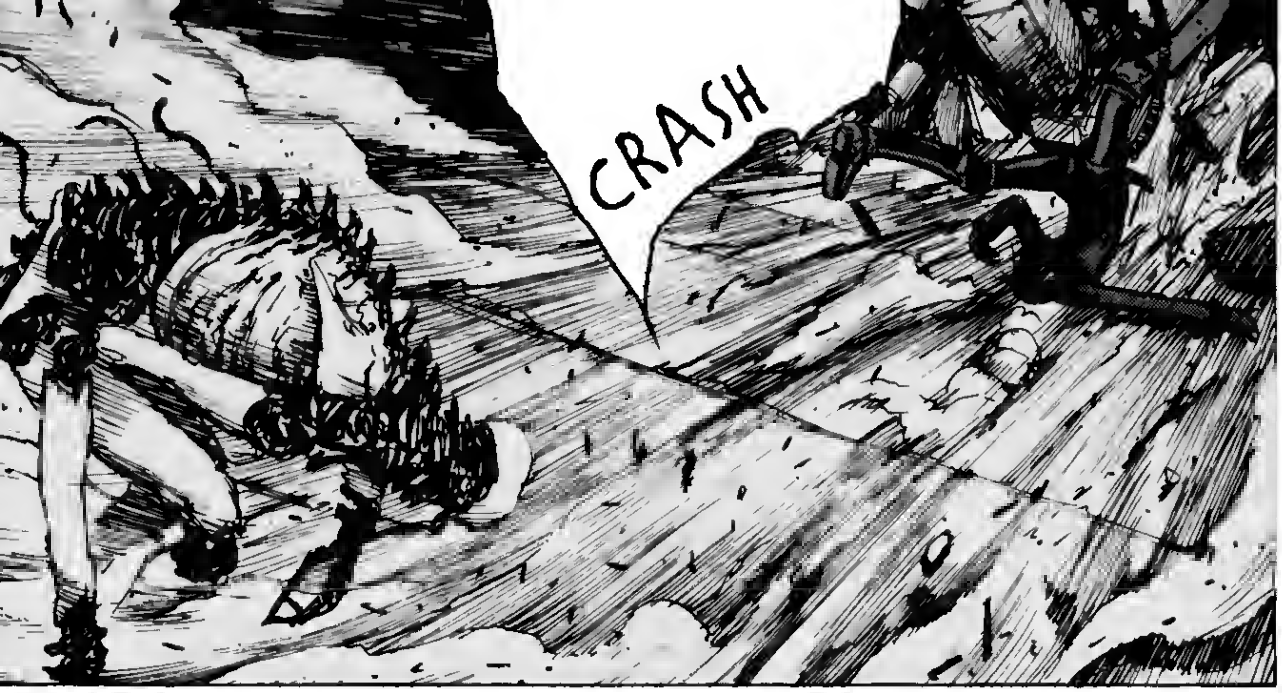


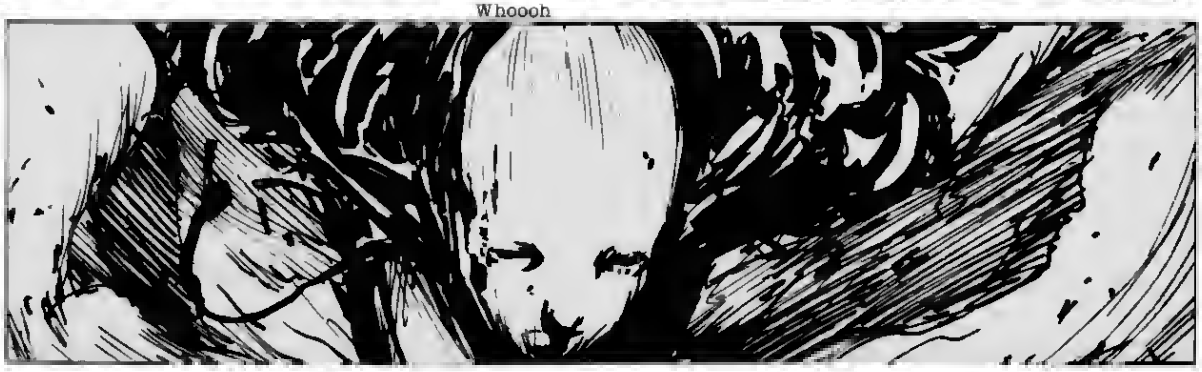

CRASH

WEAPONS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD ARE USELESS AGAINST THE NEW POWER OF CHAOS!
GA HA HA HA HA HA!

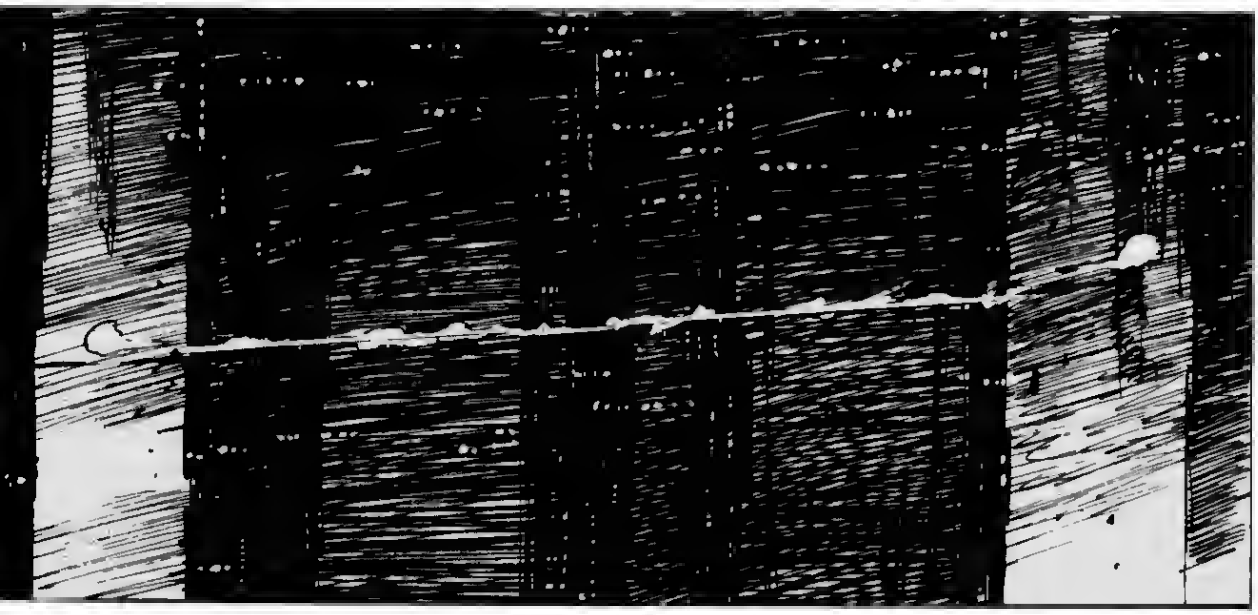
KJUNK
CLICK
GYA HA HA HA HA!

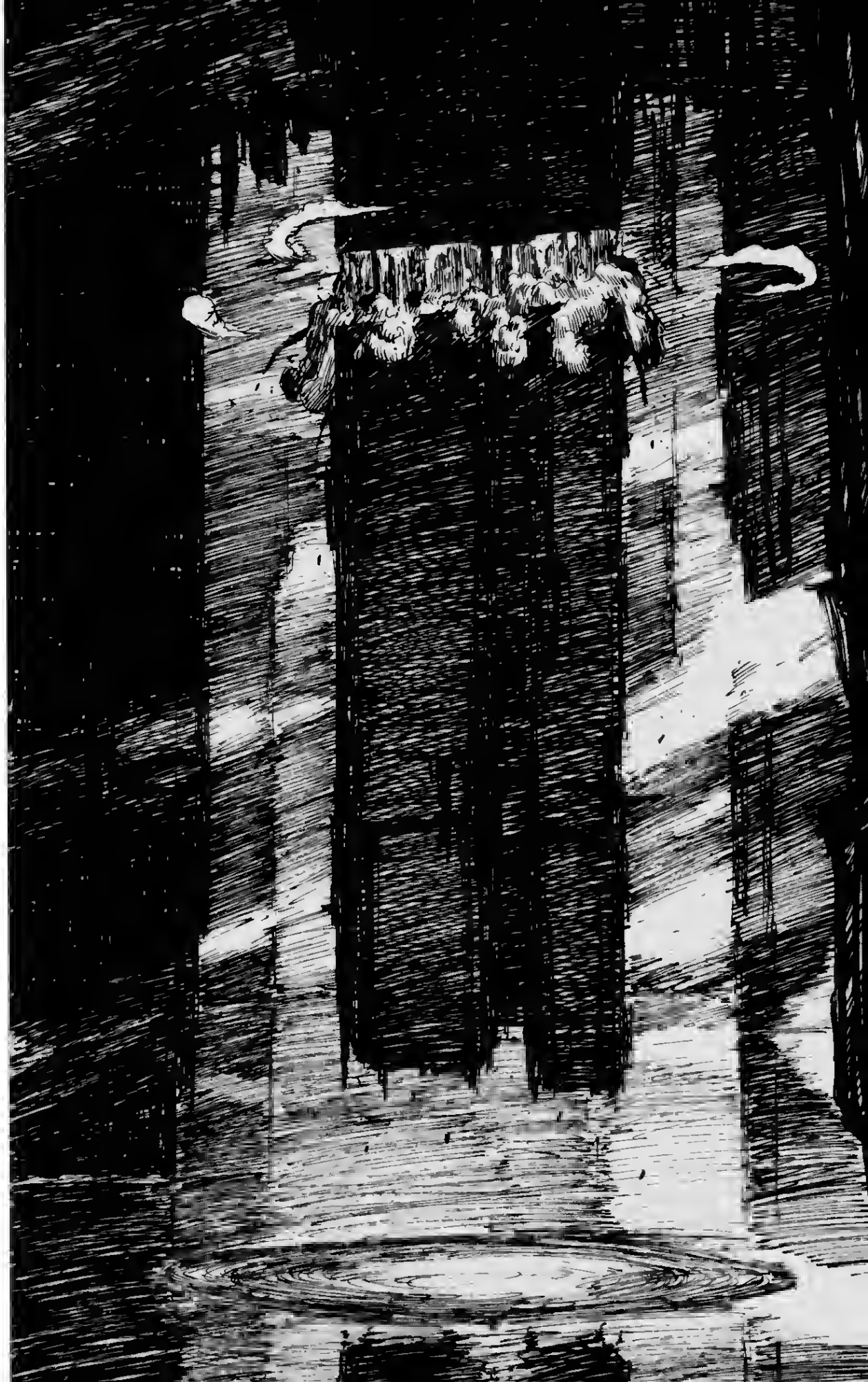
Doohhhhh

Whoooh



Zmm





B-b-bmmm
Gohhh

Chapter 1 Demonic Invocation ~End~

Chapter 2 Assassins
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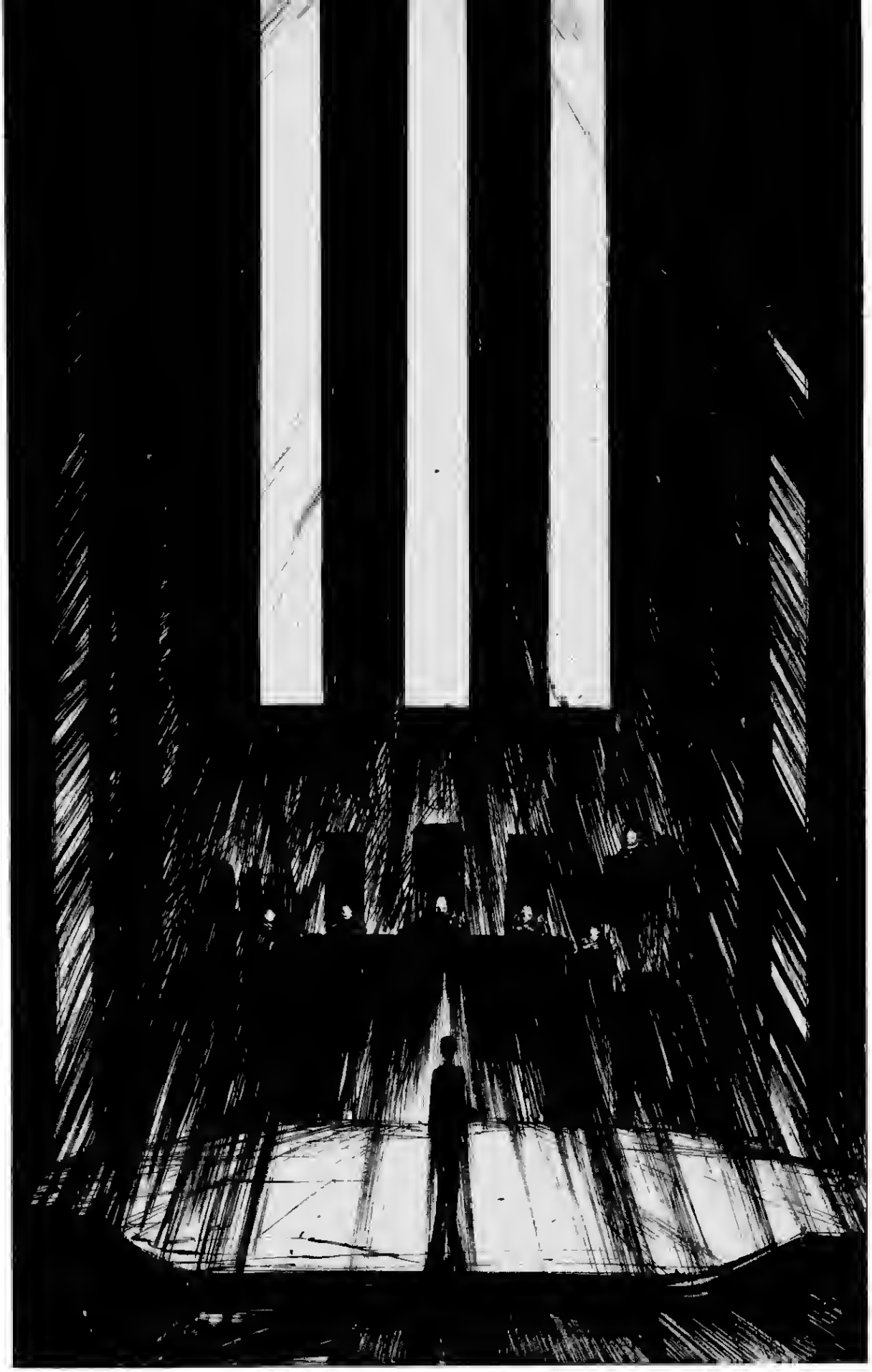
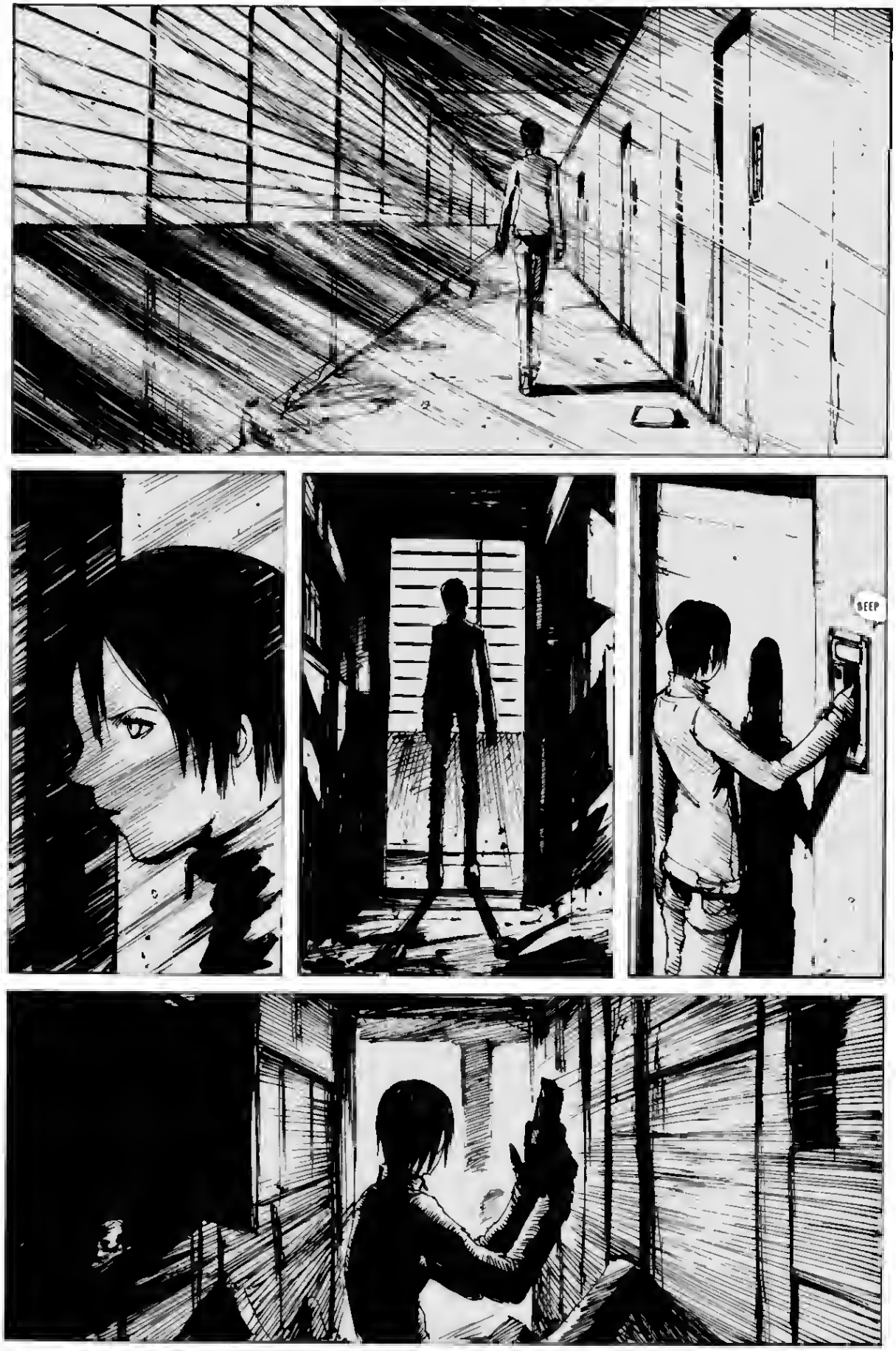
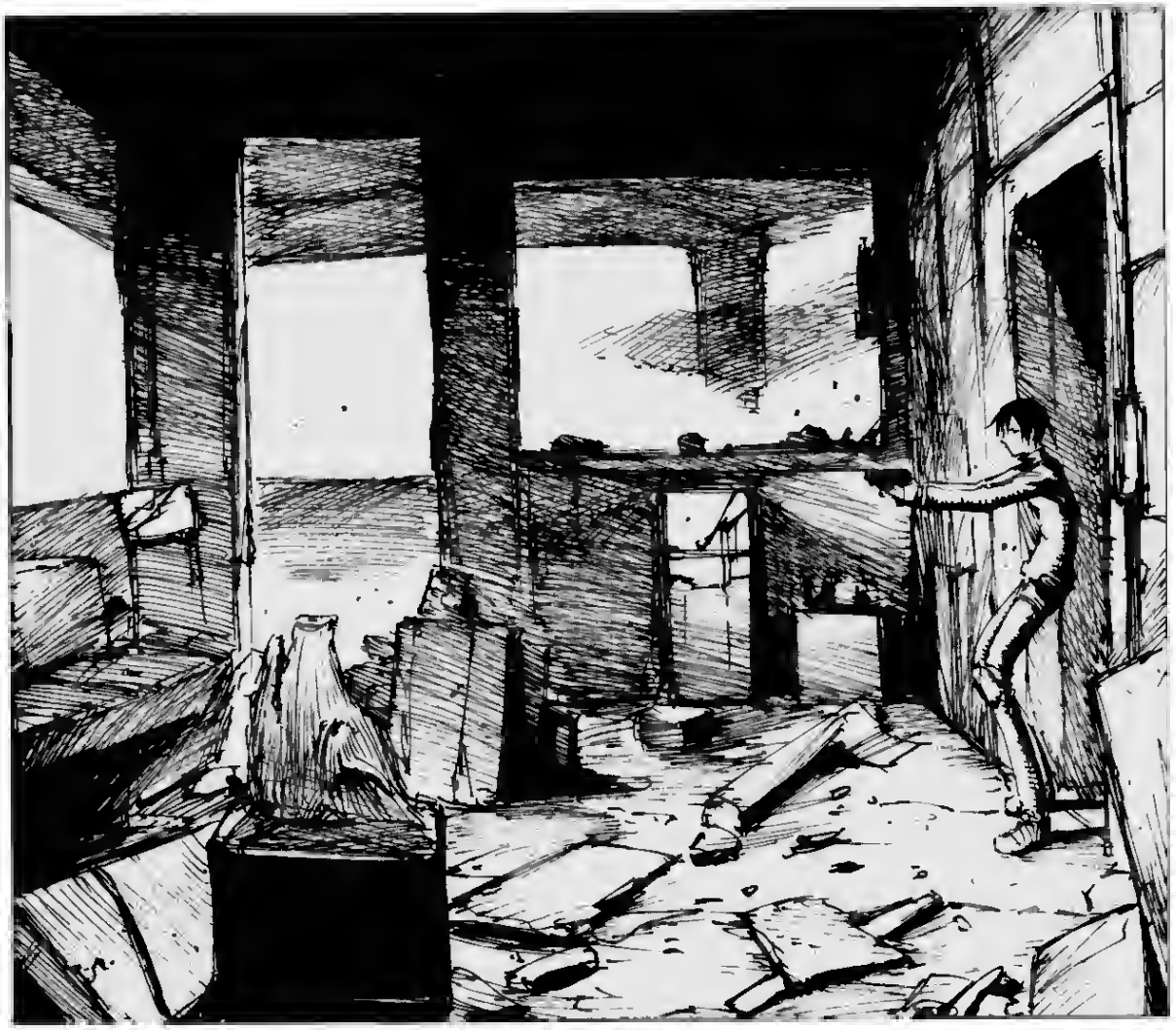


MUSUBI SUSONO, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, YOUR POLICE RANK AND PRIVILEGES ARE STRIPPED FROM YOU.
YOU WILL *NOT* BE GIVEN SEVERANCE.

DO YOU OBJECT?

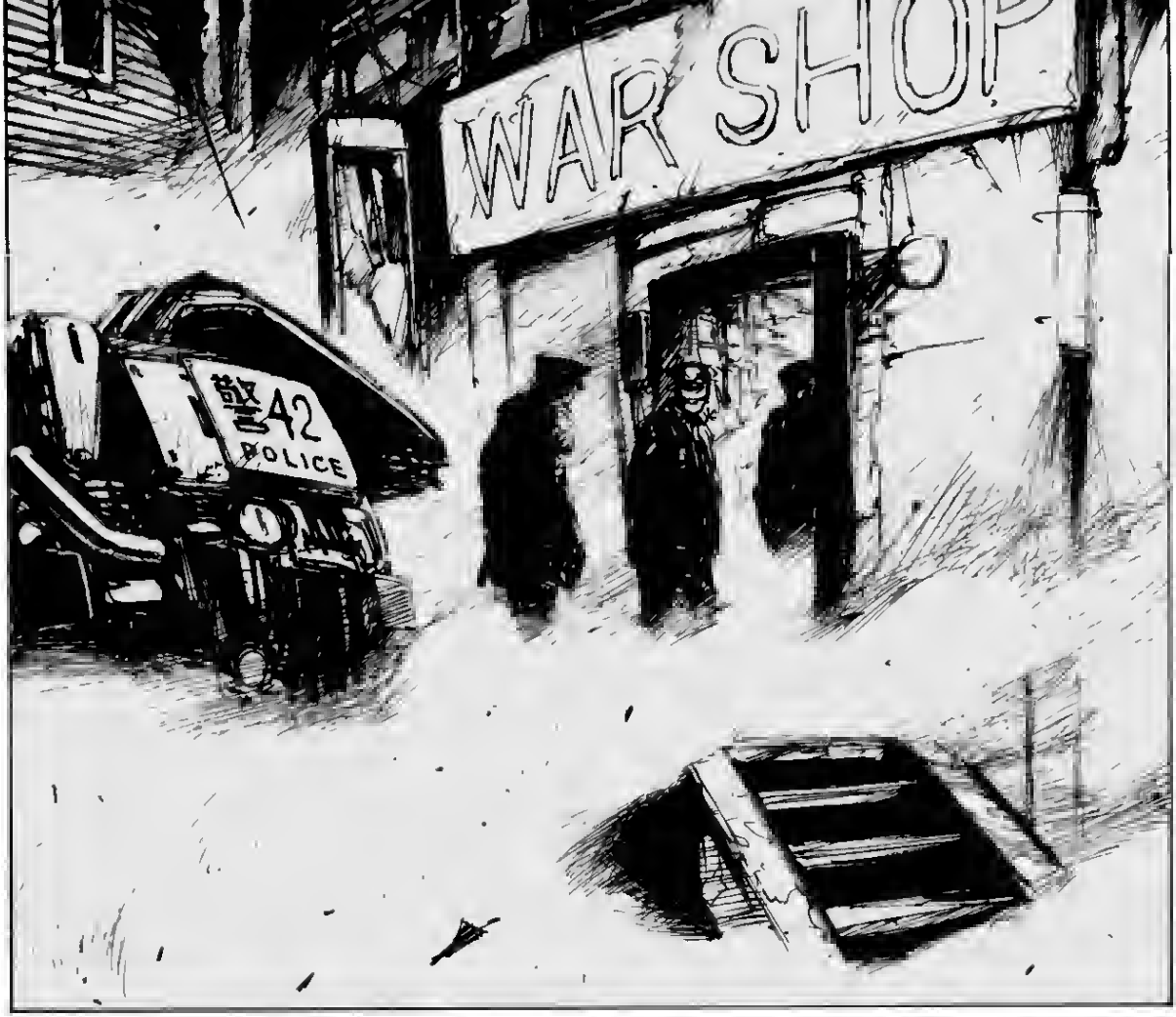
725
724
723
722


BEEP



IS THIS A WARNING... FROM THE ORDER?
THEY DID THIS...

MAYBE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THIS...
CLICK
SO WHAT *IS* THIS ANYWAY?
THIS SWITCH DOESN'T DO ANYTHING.


WAR SHOP
警42
POLICE

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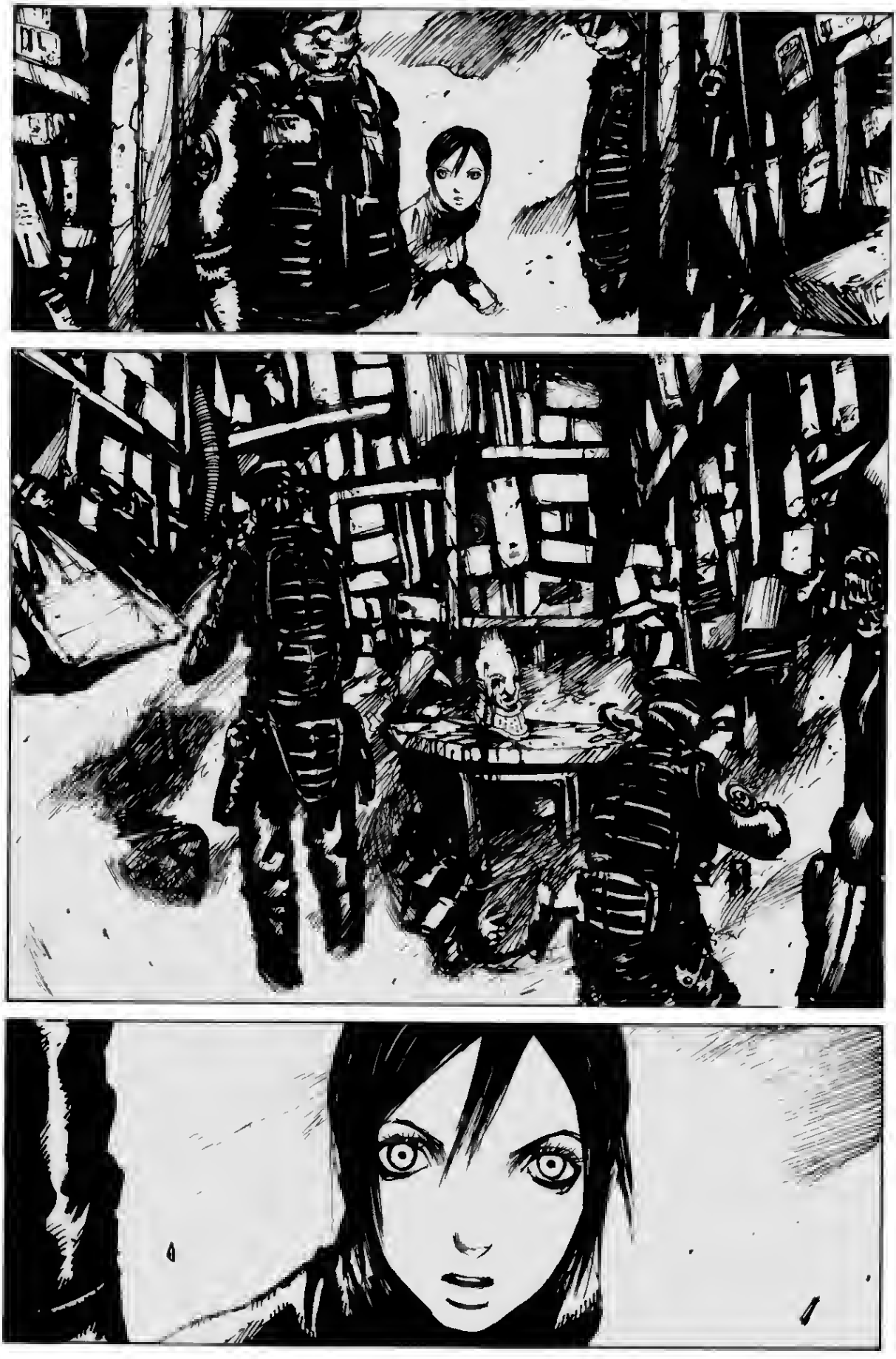
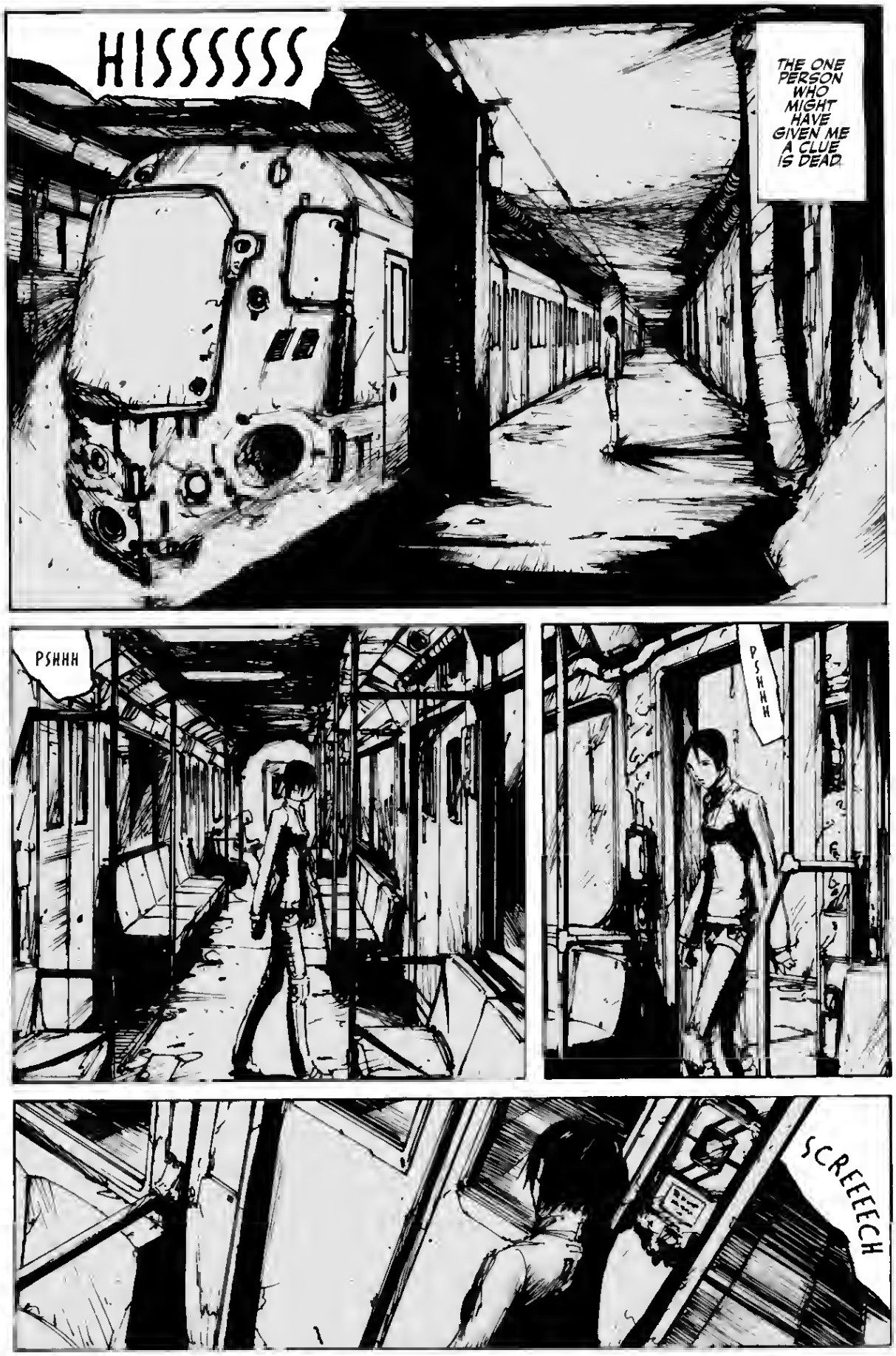
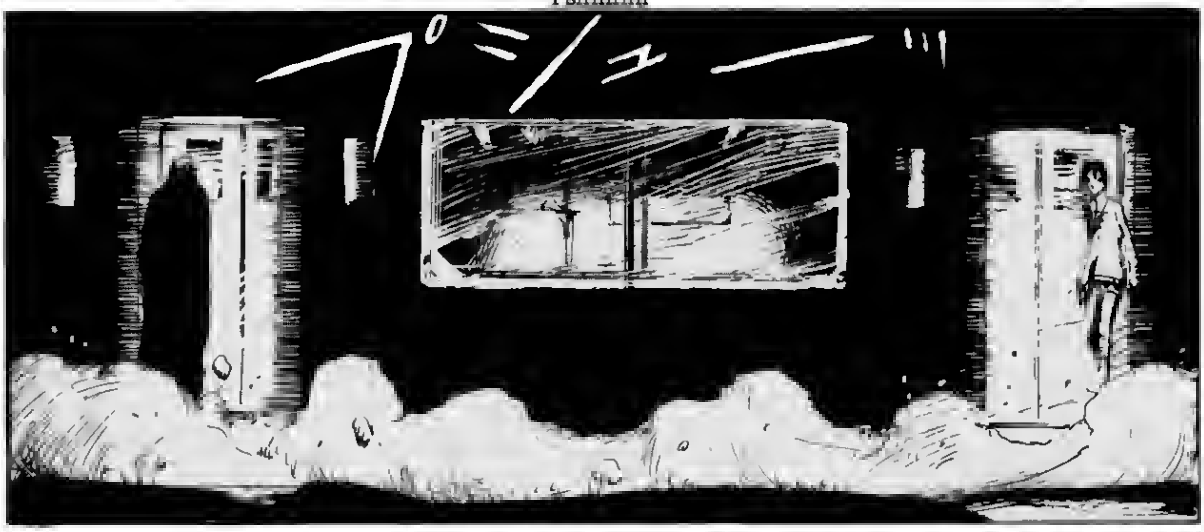


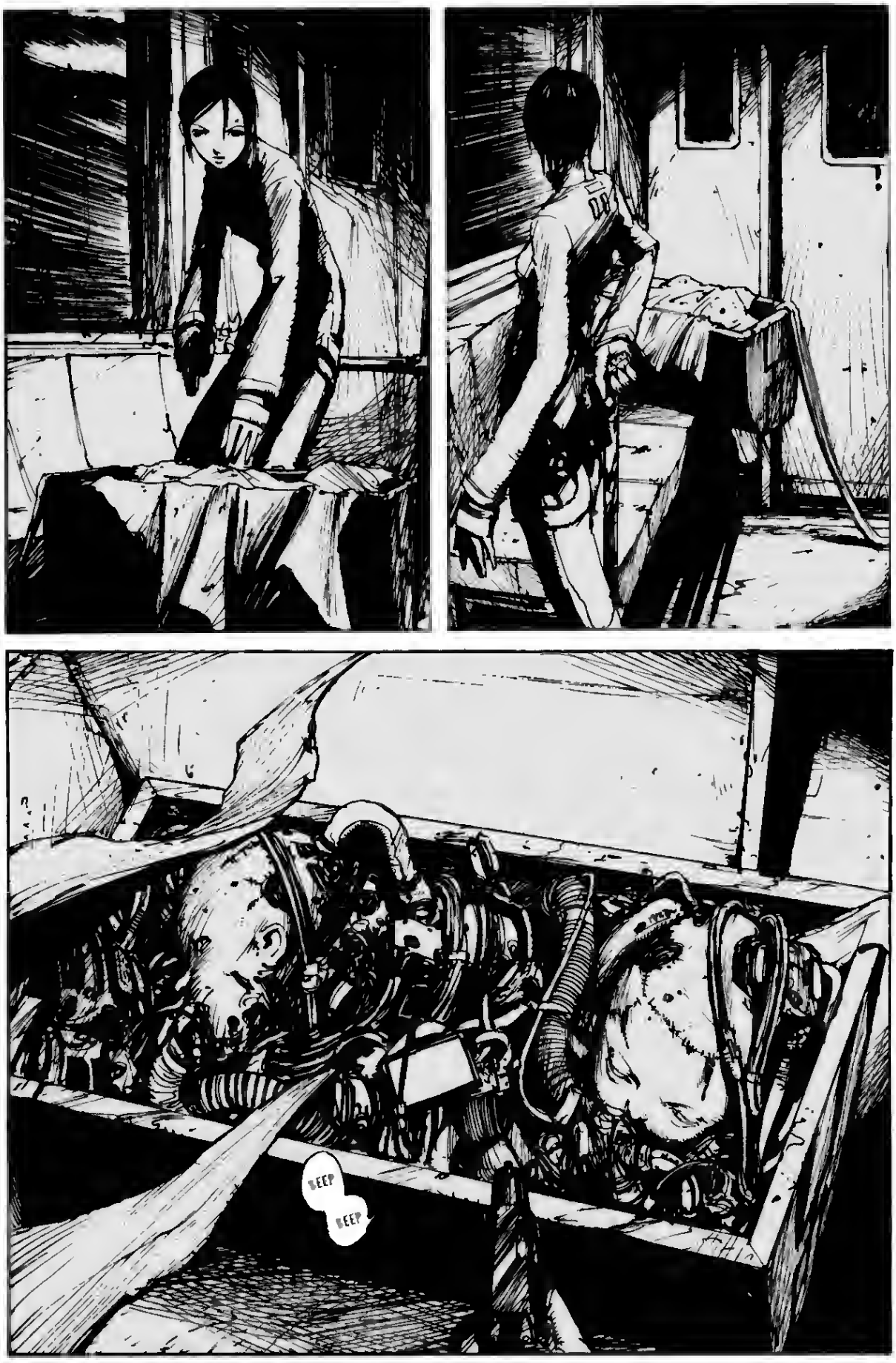

HISSSSSS
THE ONE PERSON WHO MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ME A CLUE IS DEAD.
PSHHH
PSHHH
SCREEEECH

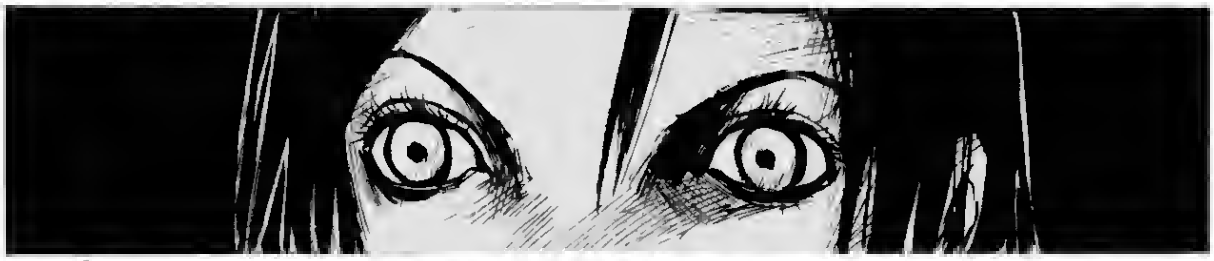
Pshhhhh



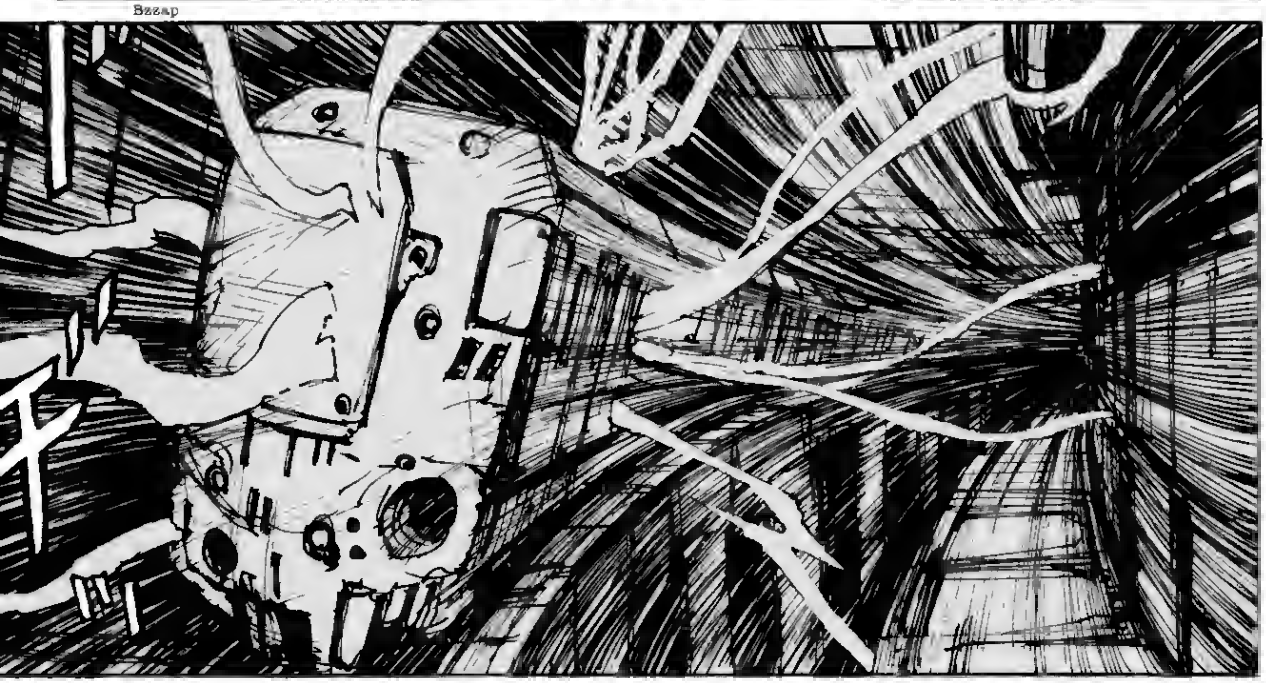
Screeeech

KWAHH!


BEEP
BEEP



Bzzap



Boom

Scrape

Screeeech

B-b-b-boom

Shunpii
Whoooosh
Bop
FWUMP

Baboom

Crashh

Blank

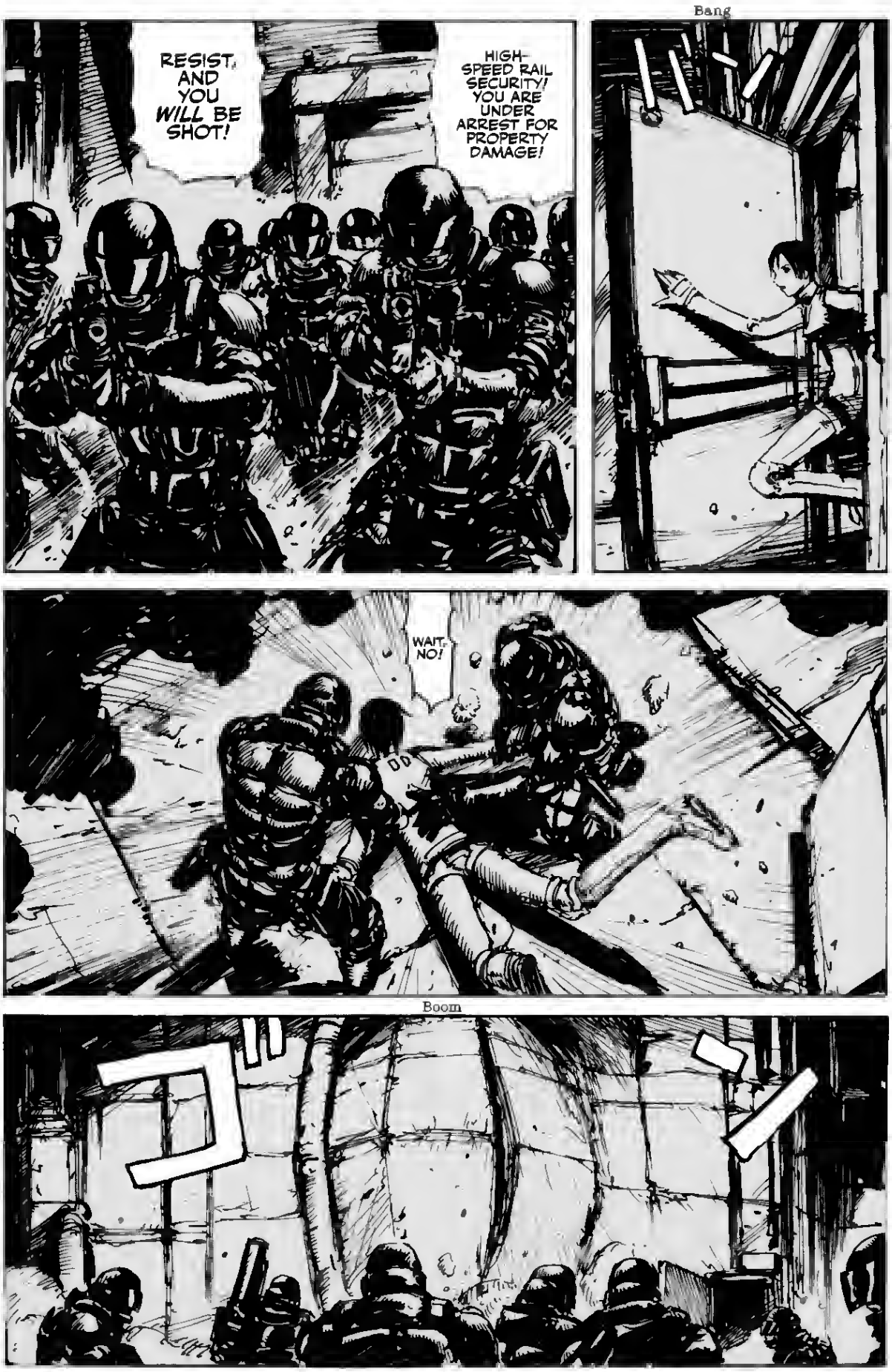
Gagagagaga

Damdamdamdam

Dbambambam

Dbam

KRAKLE
PSHEWW
IT'S WORKING NOW?!
VVMMM
非常口
EXIT
NOT HERE, THOUGH. NEED TO FIND A WIDER AREA.

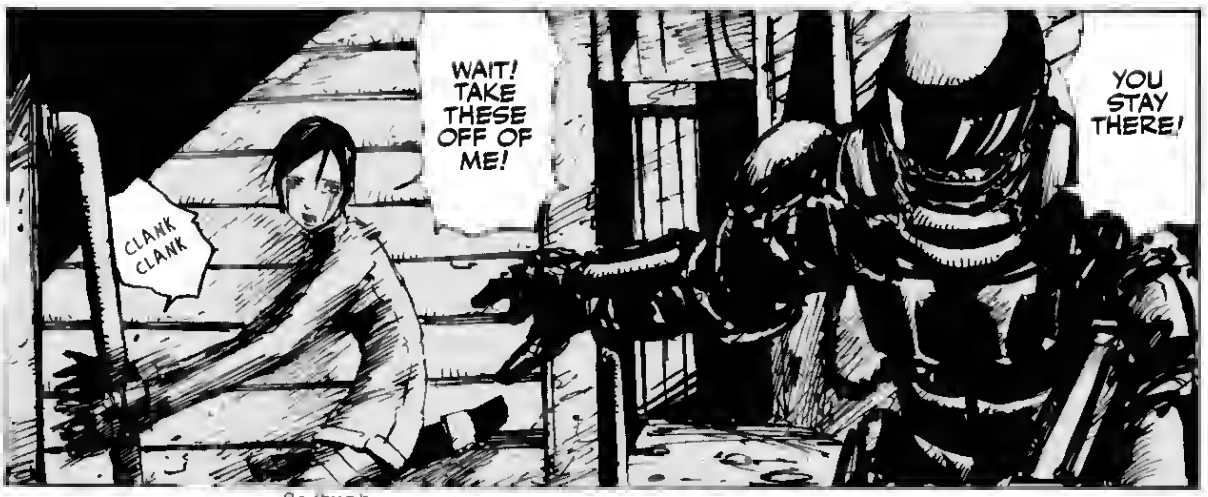

RESIST, AND YOU WILL BE SHOT!
HIGH-SPEED RAIL SECURITY! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE!
Bang
WAIT, NO!
Boom

Kraaash

WHOA...
CLANK
ZMMM
...THE HELL IS THAT?
RUN!
FIRE!!!
Brattattattatta
KLING KLING
KLING KNGG
KANG KANG
KLING

Dbababababa
Bambambambambambambam

Whip



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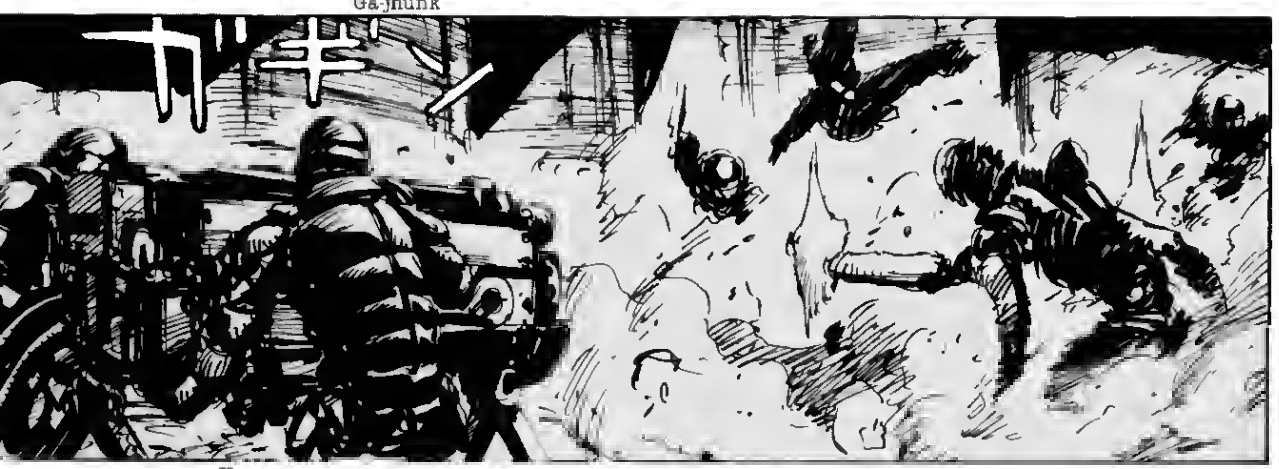

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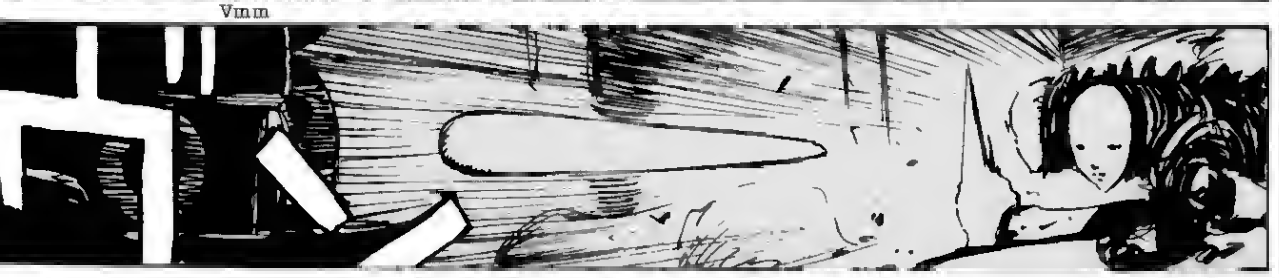

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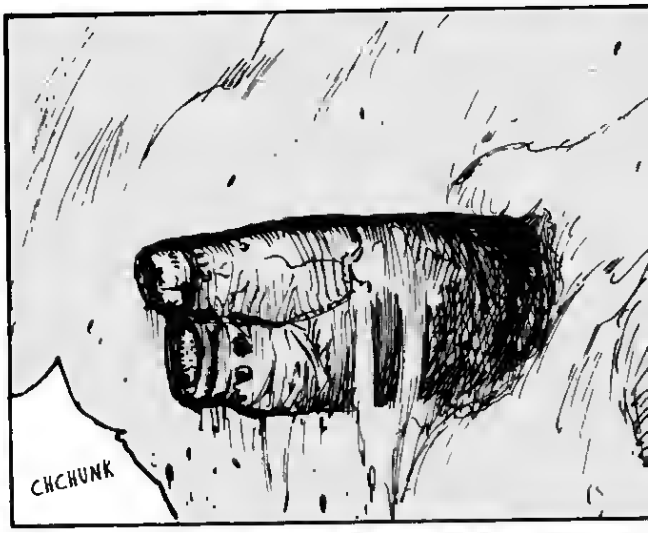

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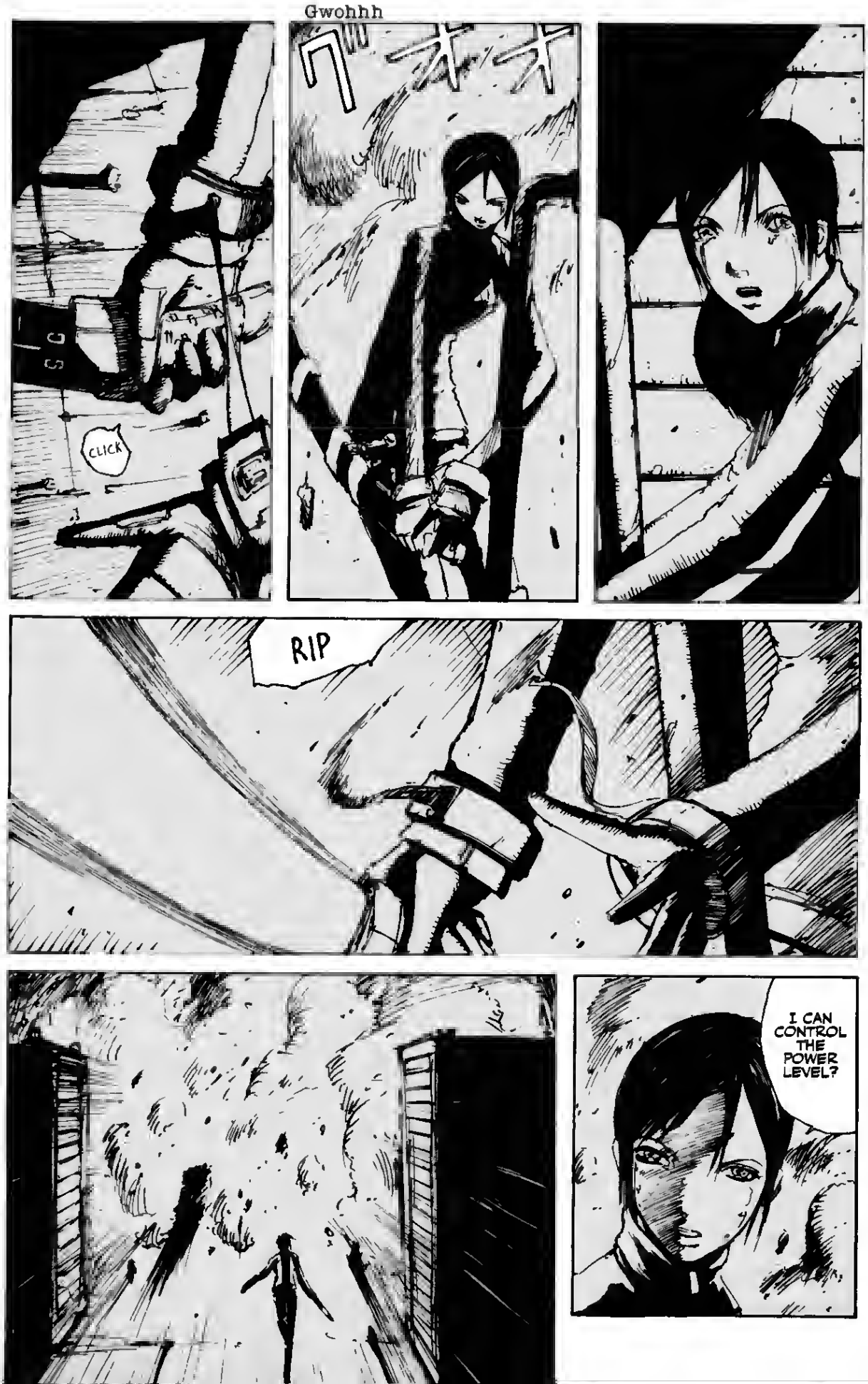
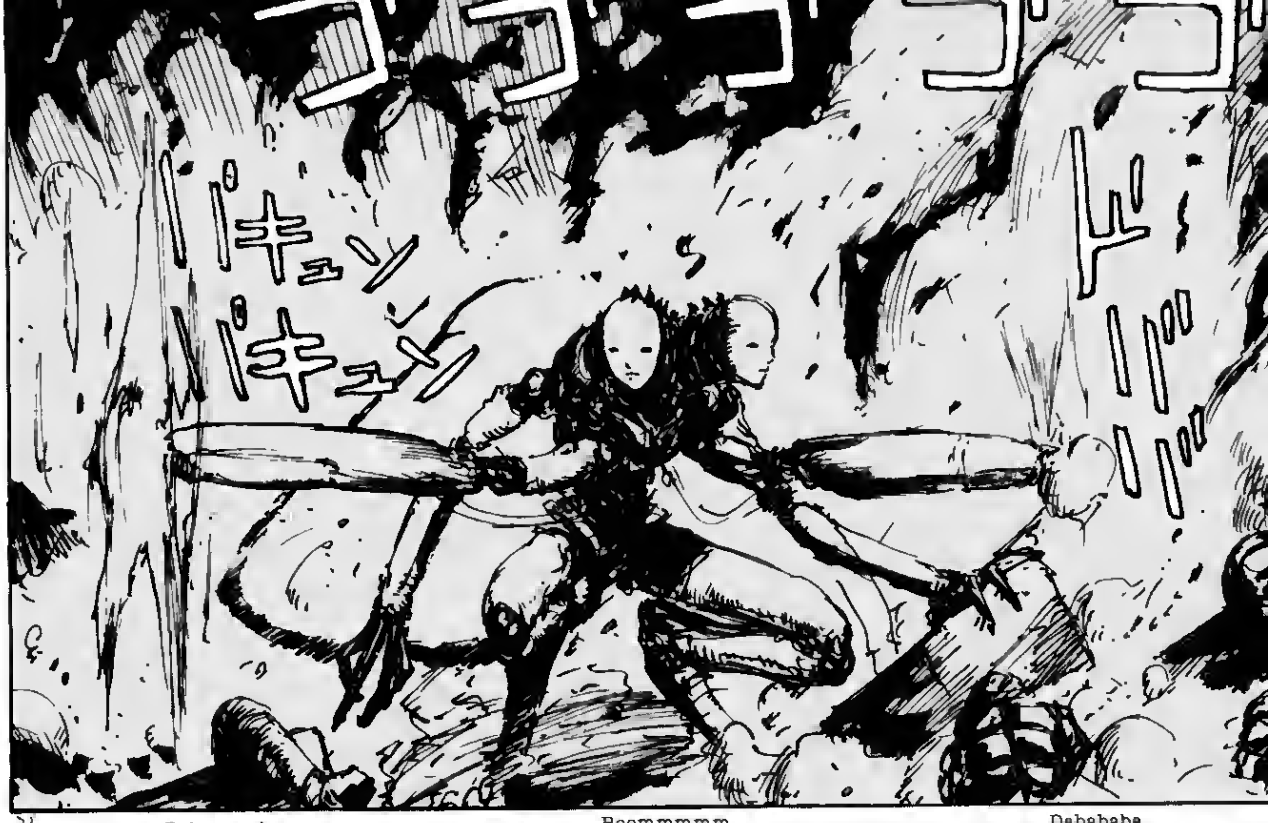

Gwohhh
CLICK
RIP
I CAN CONTROL THE POWER LEVEL?



Pakow pakow

Boommmmm

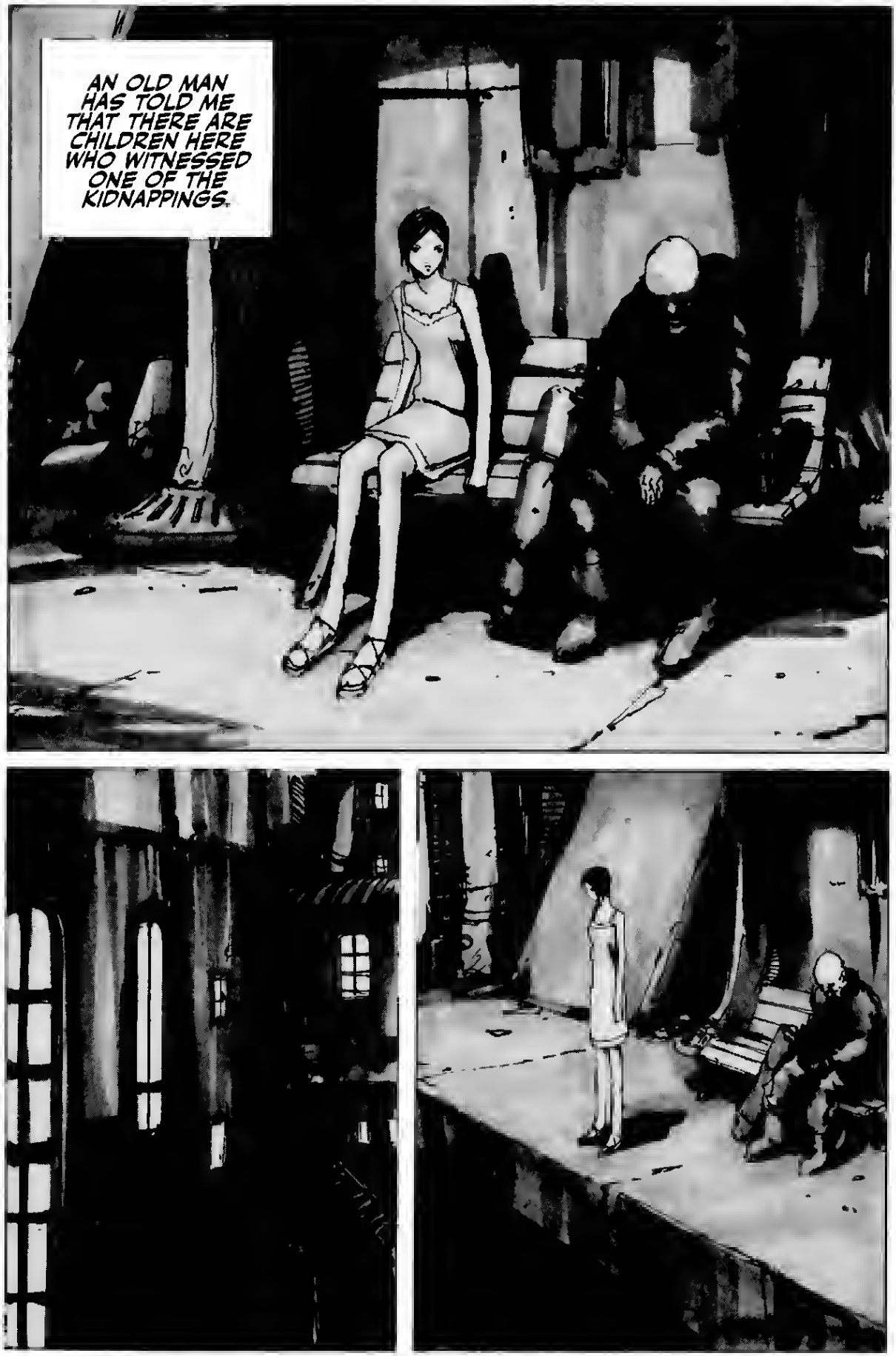
Dabababa

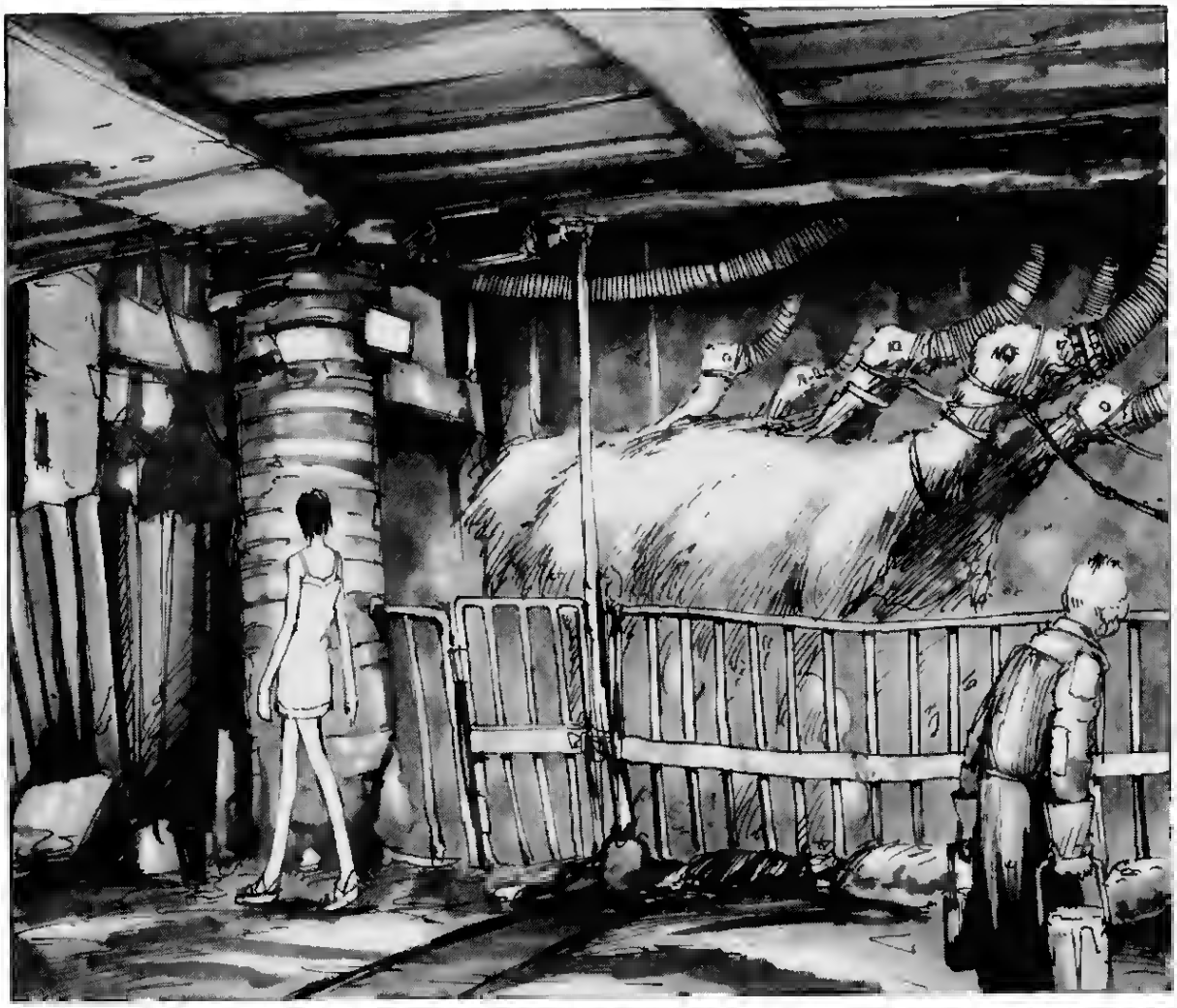
Slice

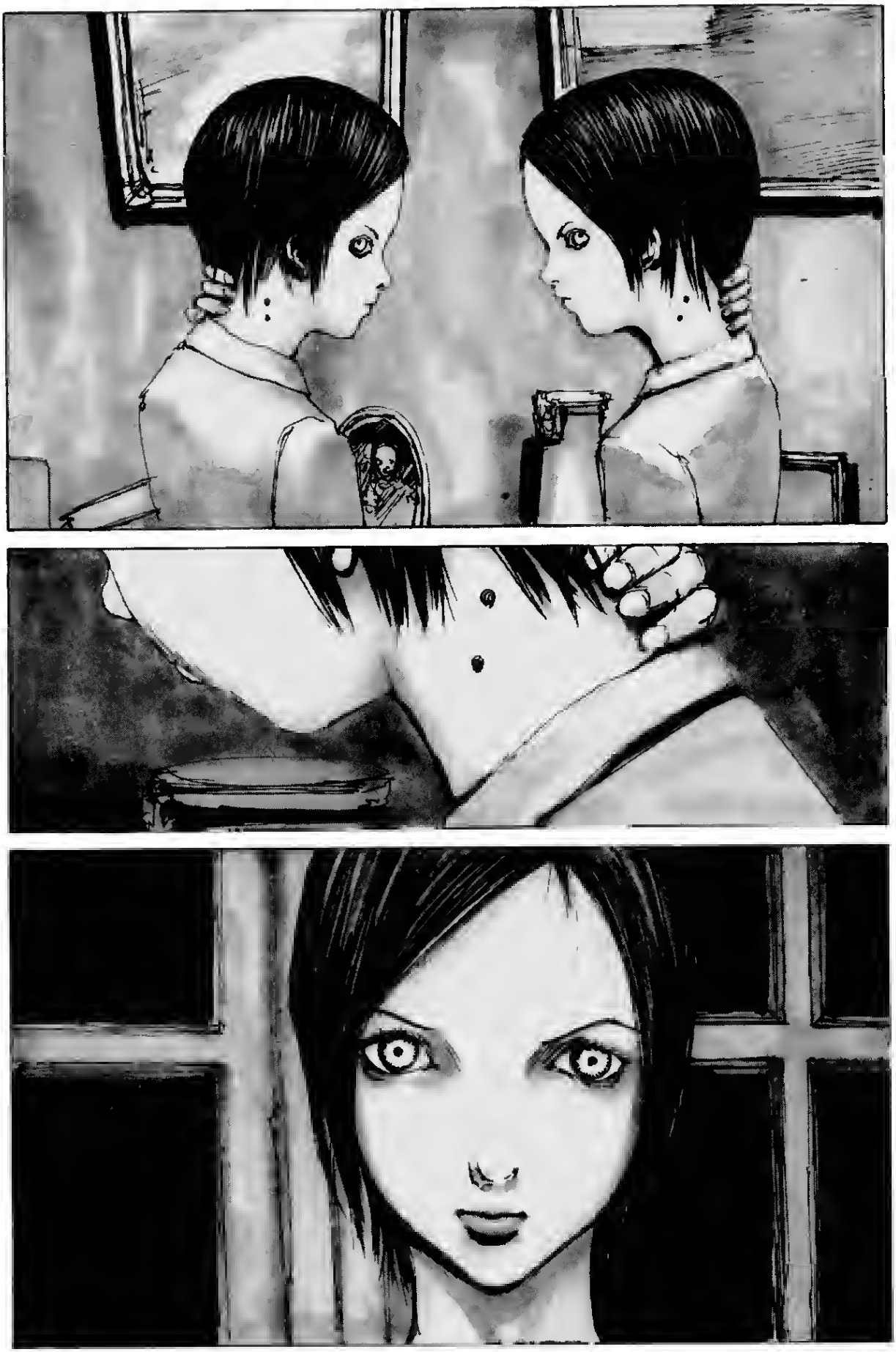
Chapter 2 Assassins ~End~

Chapter 3 Net-Terminal Implants

I AM NOW IN THE OLD TOWN, AT THE BOTTOM LEVEL.


AN OLD MAN HAS TOLD ME THAT THERE ARE CHILDREN HERE WHO WITNESSED ONE OF THE KIDNAPPINGS.

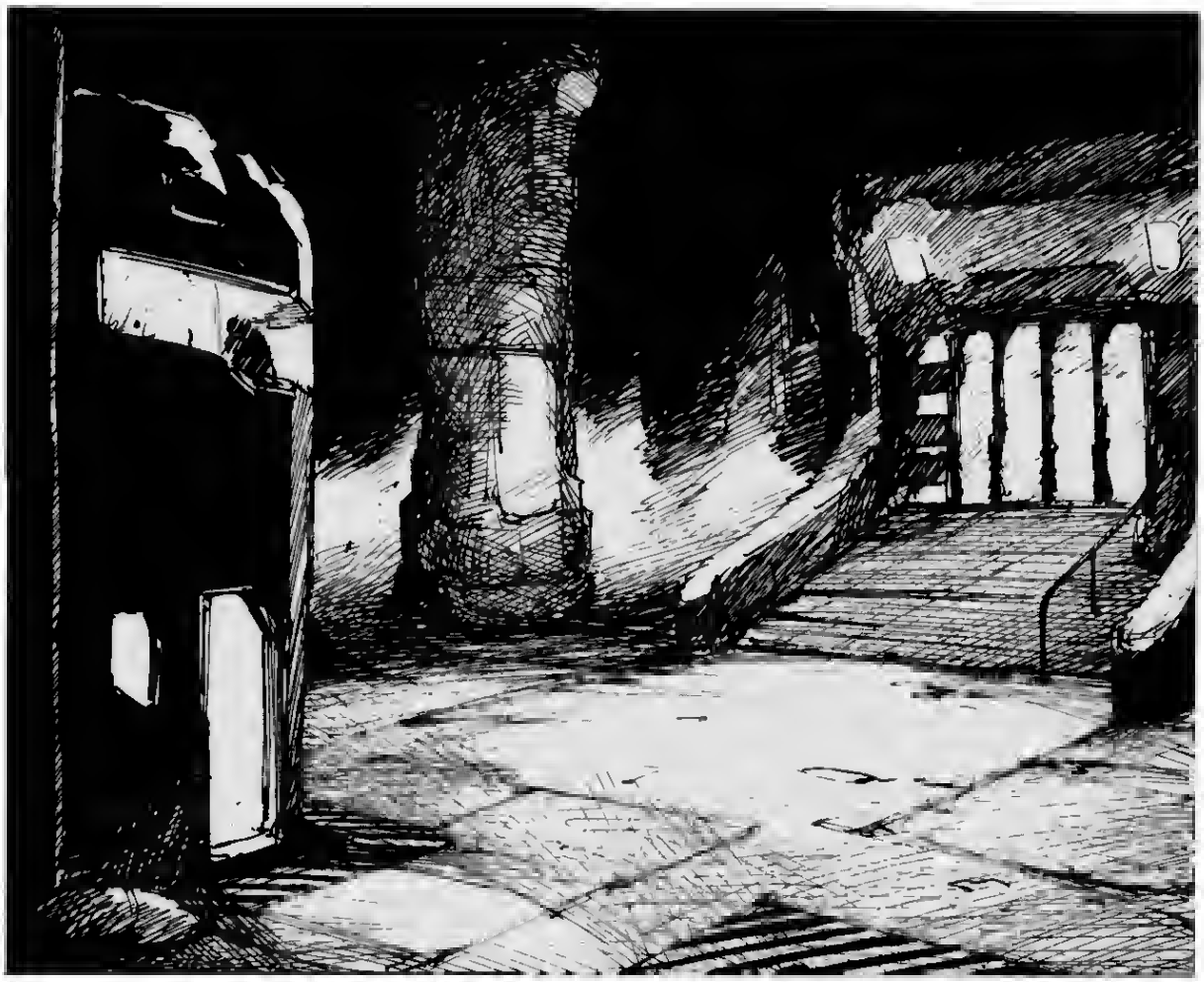




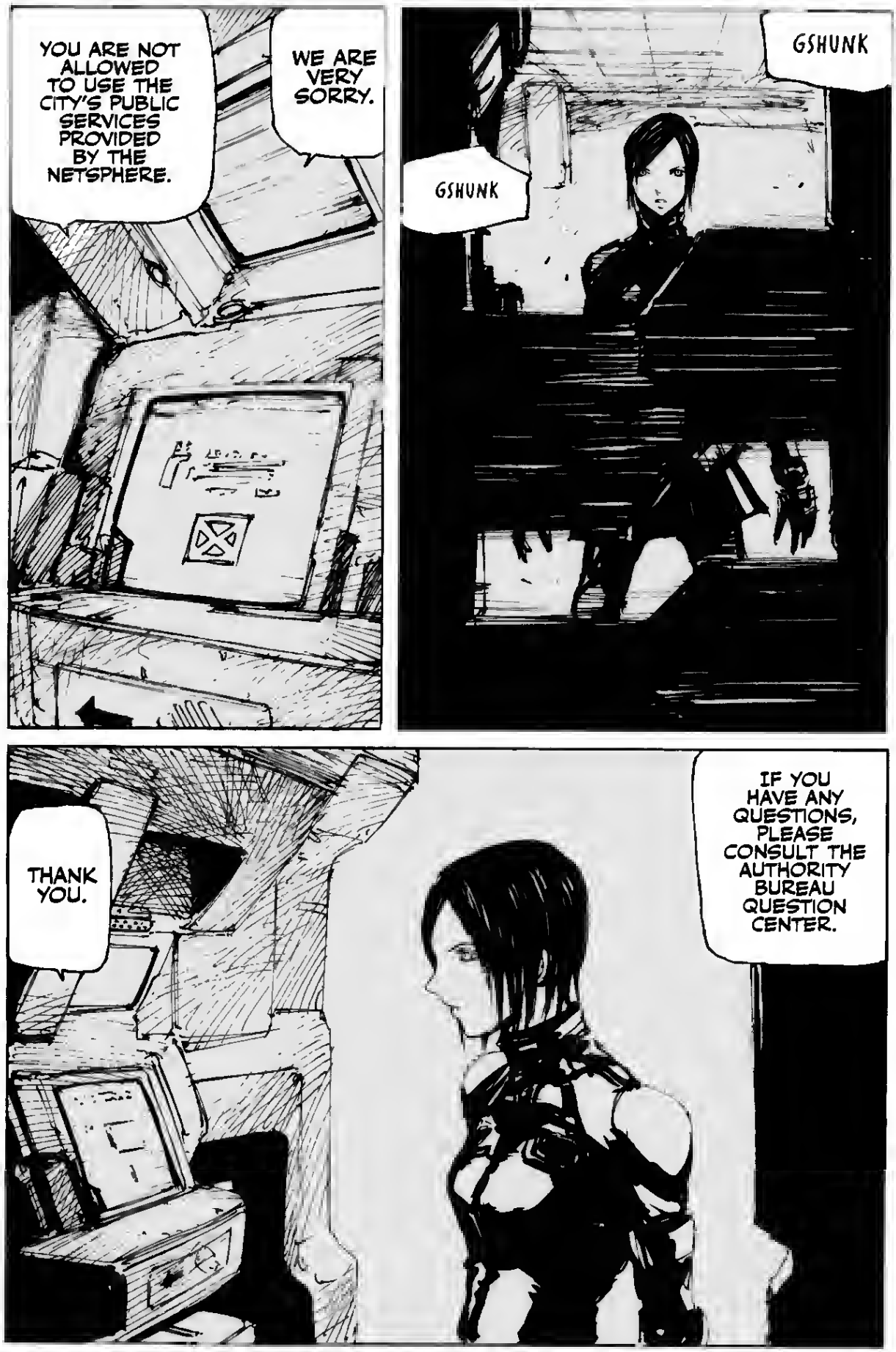
THEY WERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR NEW NET-TERMINAL IMPLANTS.
MOST OF THE CHILDREN IN THIS SECTOR CAN'T AFFORD THE EXPENSIVE IMPLANT SURGERY.

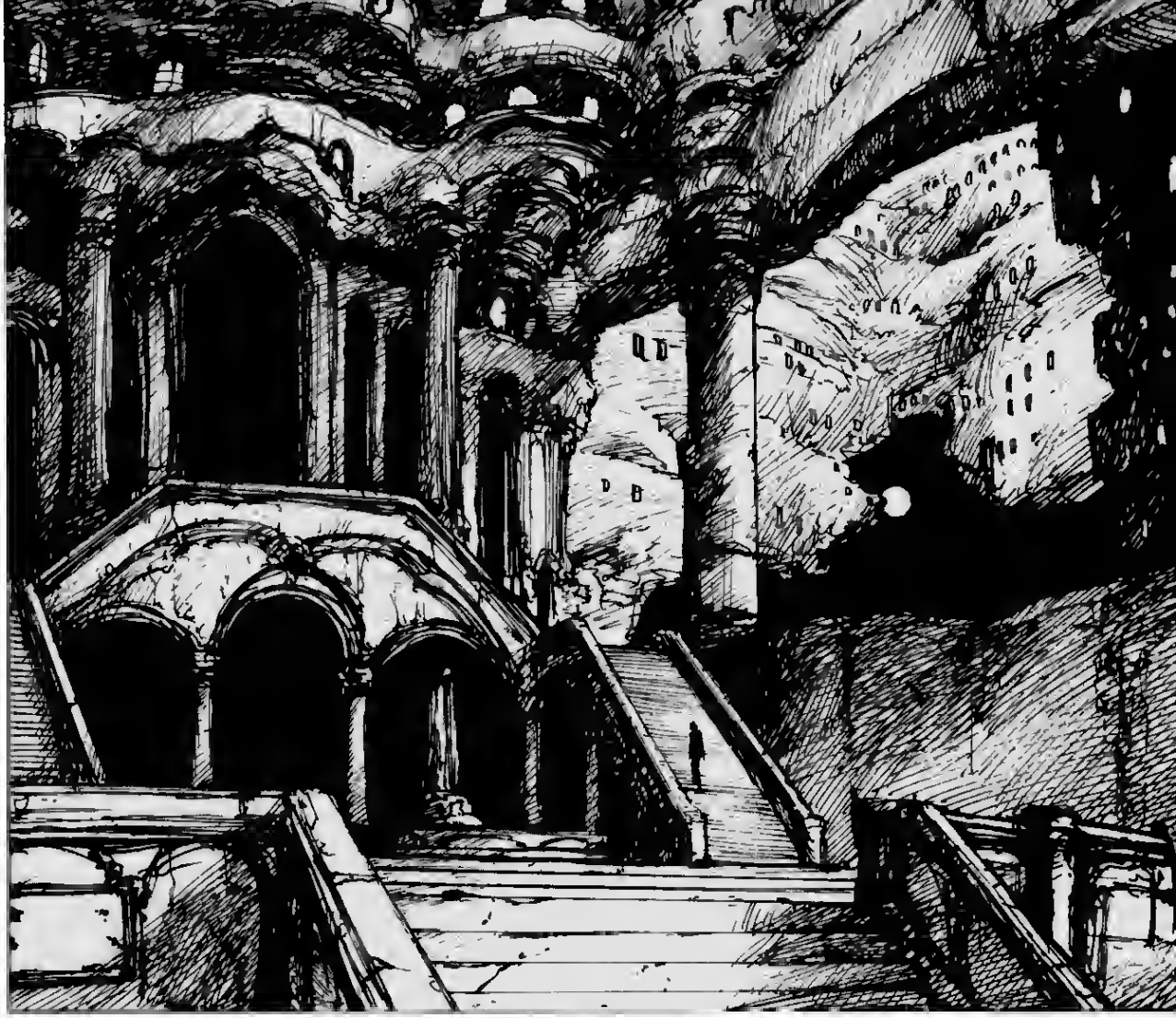
Chapter 3 Net-Terminal Implants ~End~

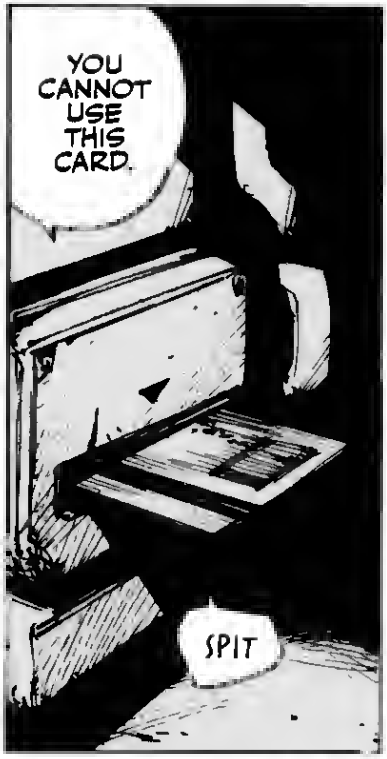
Chapter 4 Sacrifice

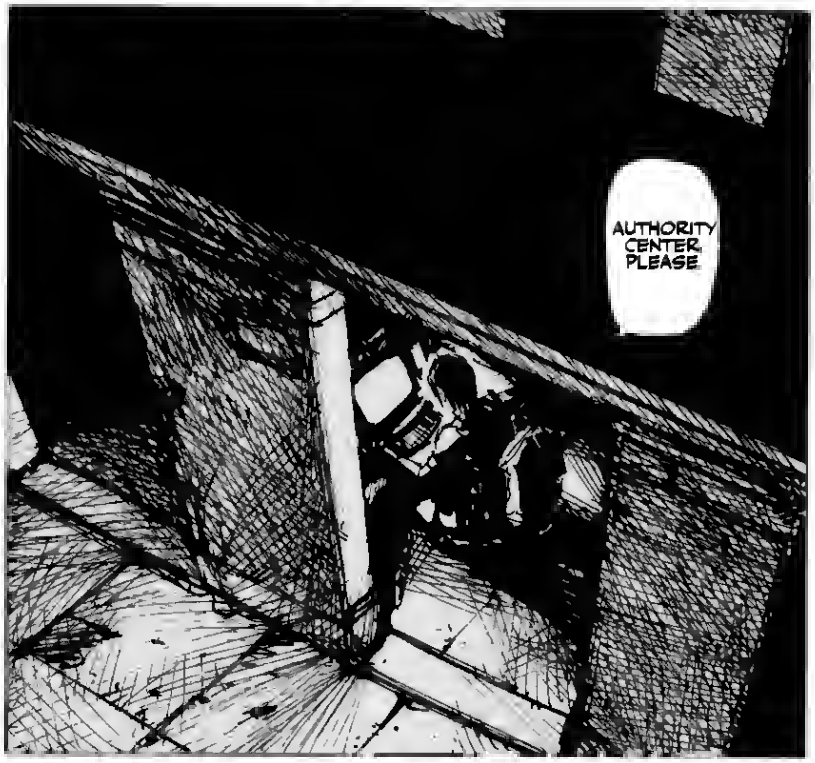


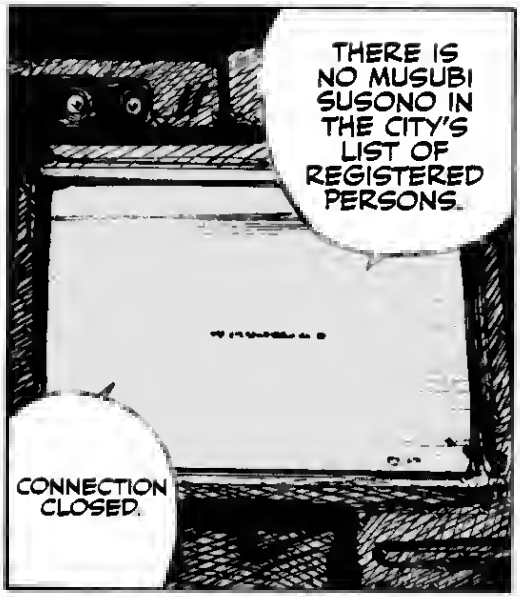
BEEEP
BEEP
BEEP
WE COULD NOT CONFIRM YOUR SERIAL NUMBER. PLEASE PASS YOUR WRIST ACROSS THE READER AGAIN.


YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NETSPHERE.
WE ARE VERY SORRY.
GSHUNK
GSHUNK
THANK YOU.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT THE AUTHORITY BUREAU QUESTION CENTER.

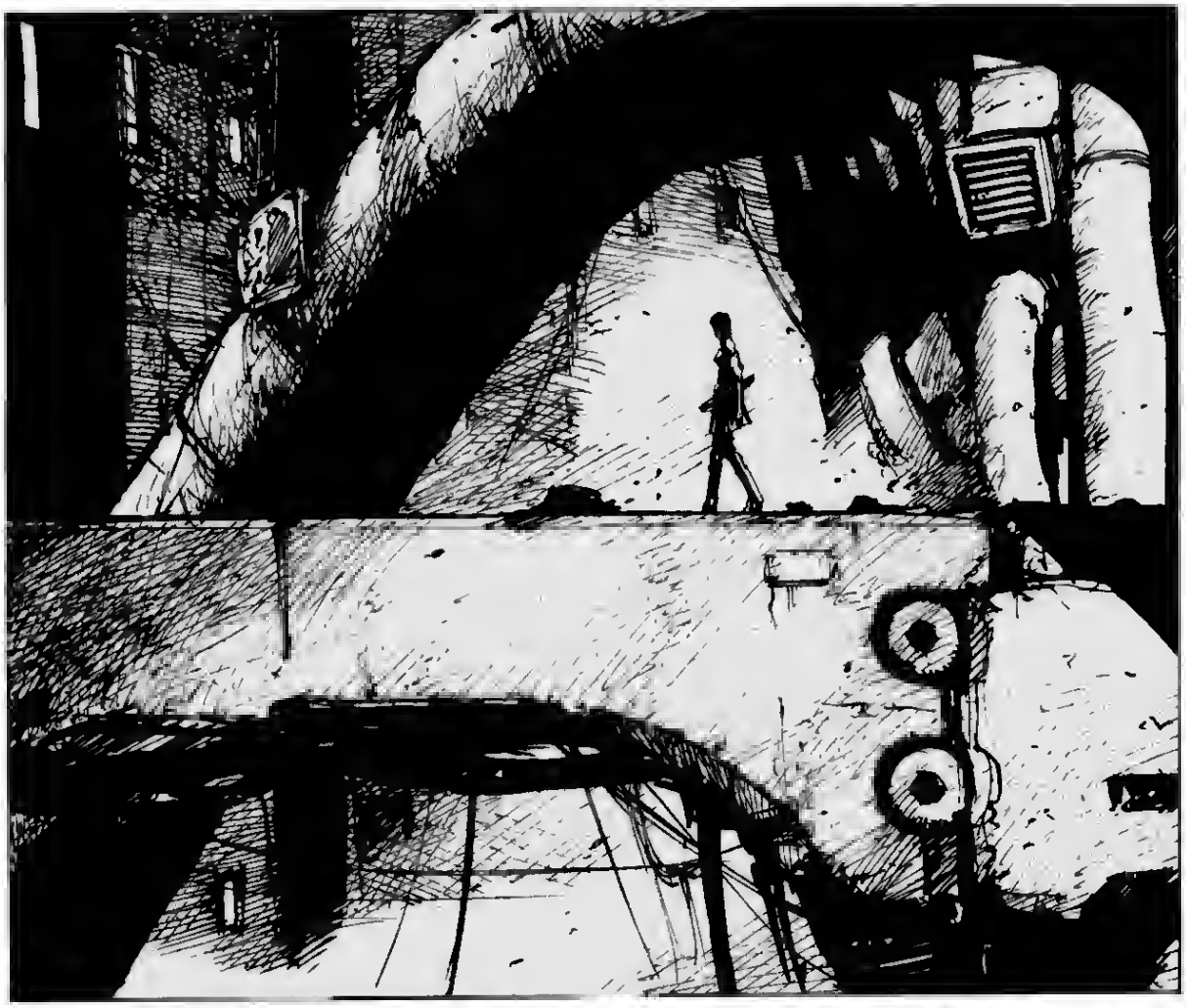


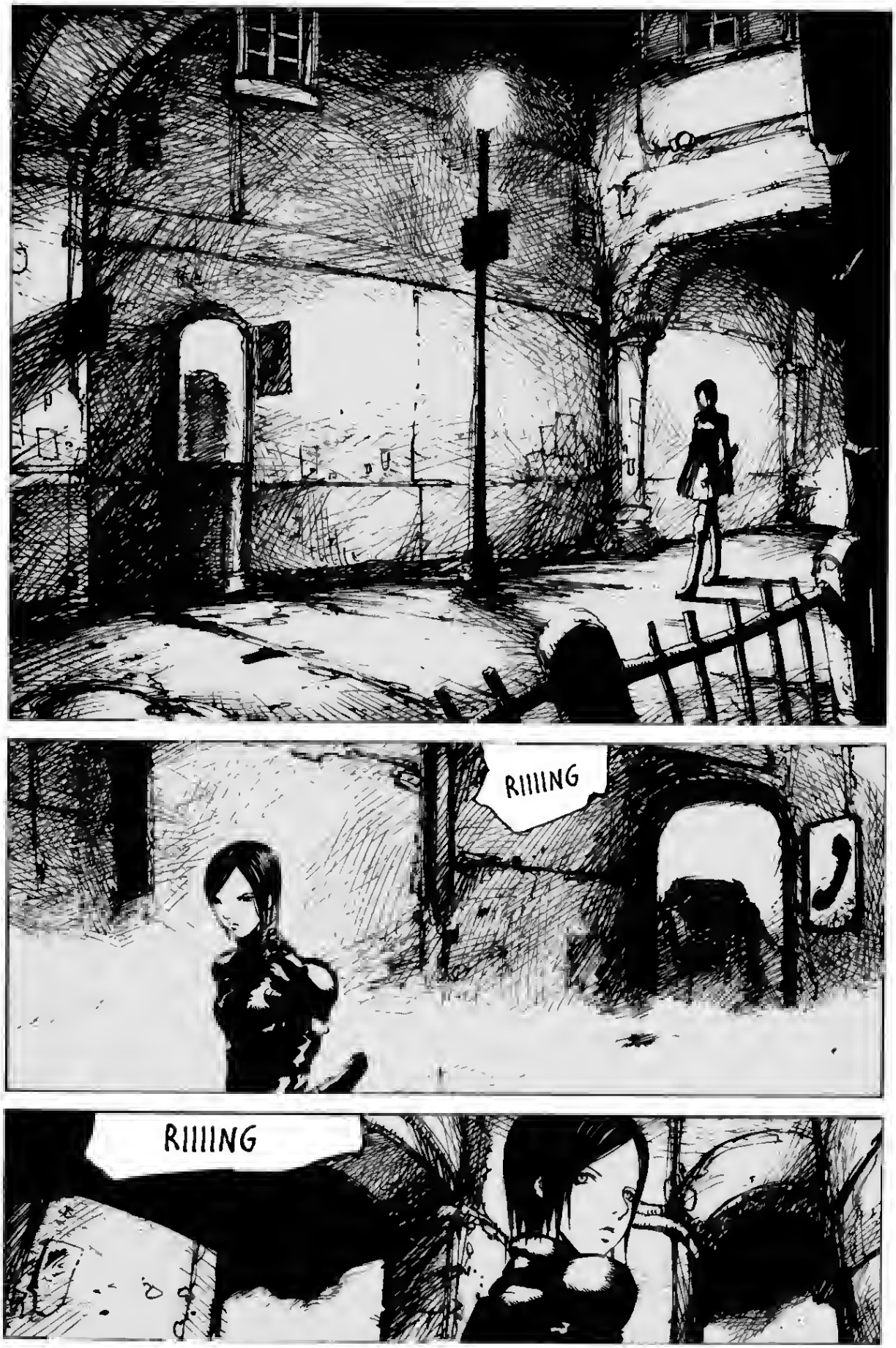

YOU CANNOT USE THIS CARD.
SPIT


AUTHORITY CENTER, PLEASE.


THERE IS NO MUSUBI SUSONO IN THE CITY'S LIST OF REGISTERED PERSONS.
CONNECTION CLOSED.

ES36428, MUSUBI SUSONO. TRY AGAIN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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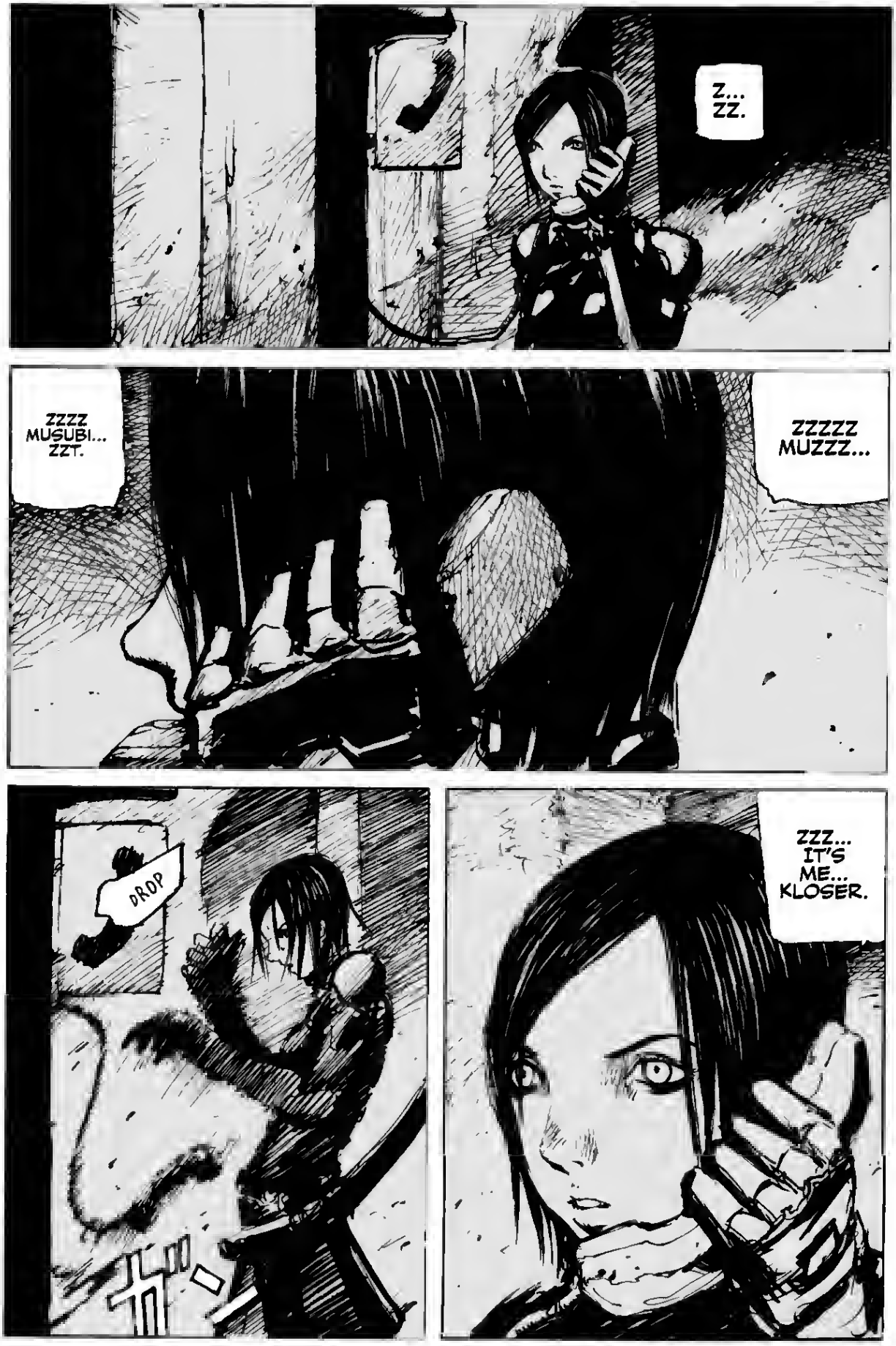
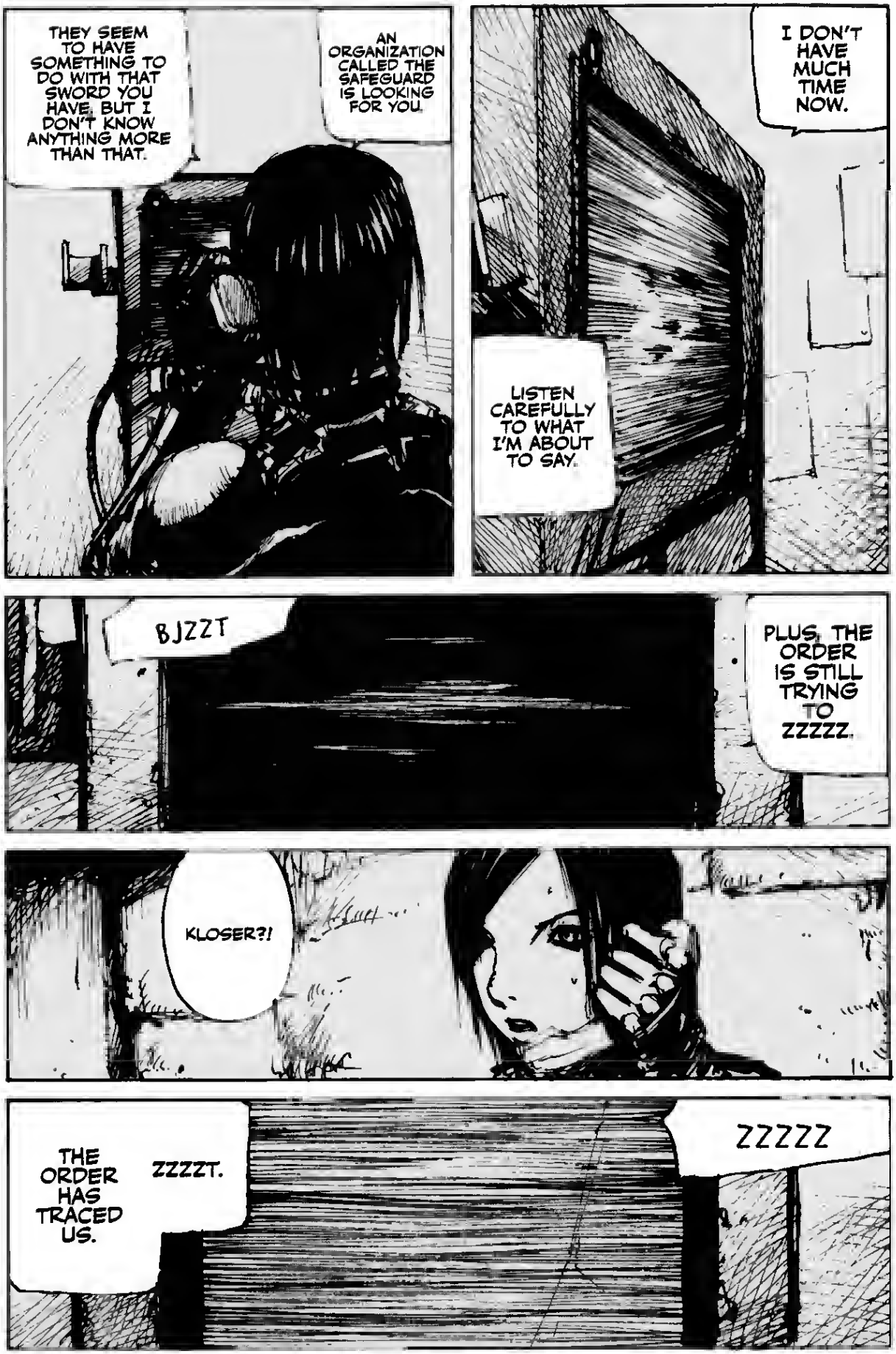


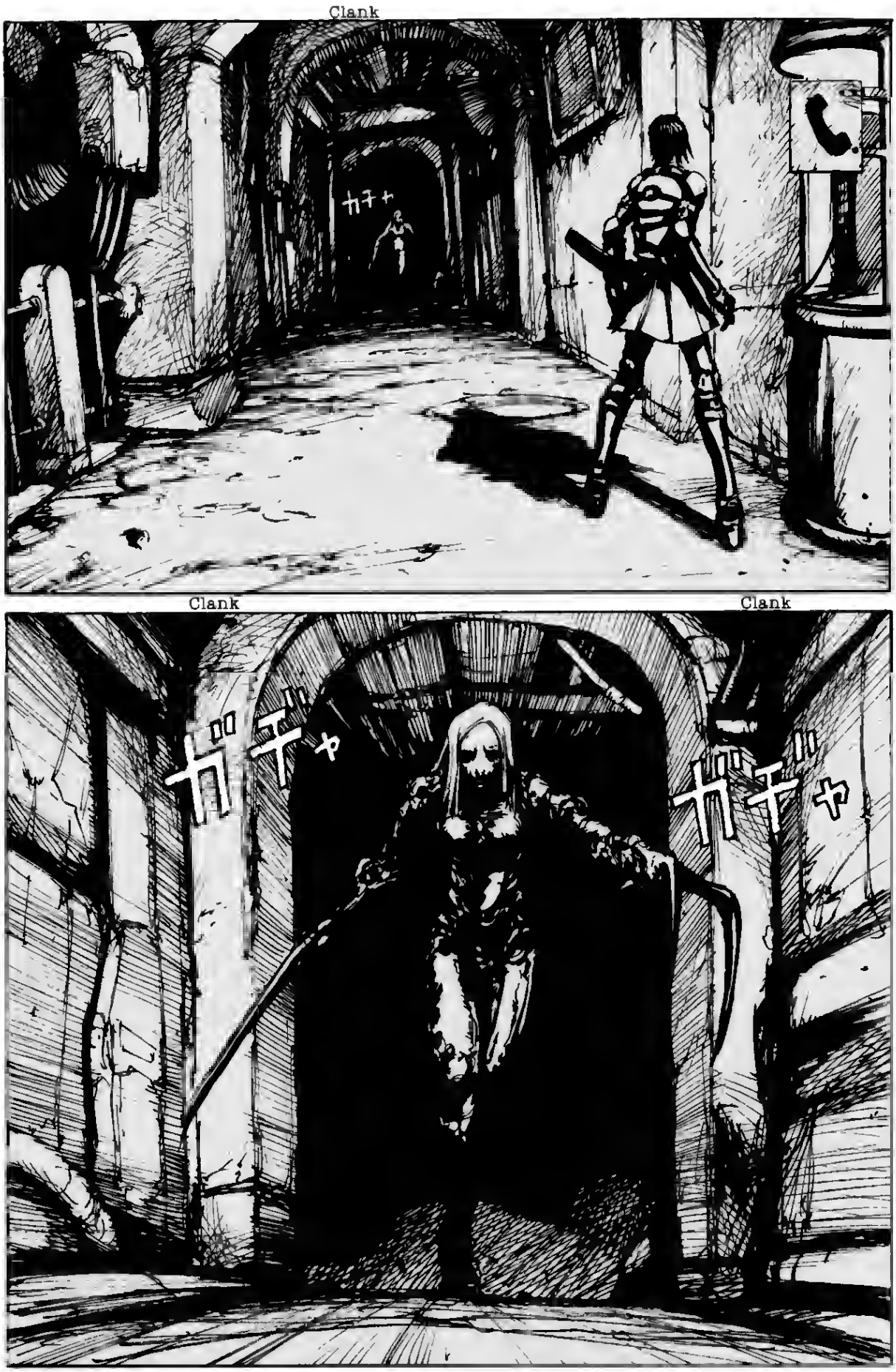
Bang

IT CAN'T BE...
WAIT, MUSUBI... LISTEN.
MUSUBI, PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
ZZZZ
WHO IS THIS? WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
MUSUBI, IT'S ME. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
MUSUBI
...

I'M... INSIDE THE NET RIGHT NOW...
IT'S TRUE... I DID DIE.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MY CONSCIOUSNESS STILL EXISTS HERE.
BUT ENOUGH OF THAT... I HAVE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO SAY, MUSUBI, ARE YOU THERE? SPEAK TO ME.
I-I'M HERE, KLOSER. I JUST CAN'T...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CONTACT YOU.
IT WAS REALLY HARD AT FIRST. IT'S LIKE MY BODY HAS MELTED AWAY HERE. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING.


THEY SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT SWORD YOU HAVE. BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.
AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SAFEGUARD IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME NOW.
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY.
BJZZT
PLUS, THE ORDER IS STILL TRYING TO ZZZZZ.
KLOSER?!
THE ORDER HAS TRACED US.
ZZZZT.
ZZZZZ

SOMETHING'S COMING FOR YOU.
RUN, MUSUBI.
Vvmm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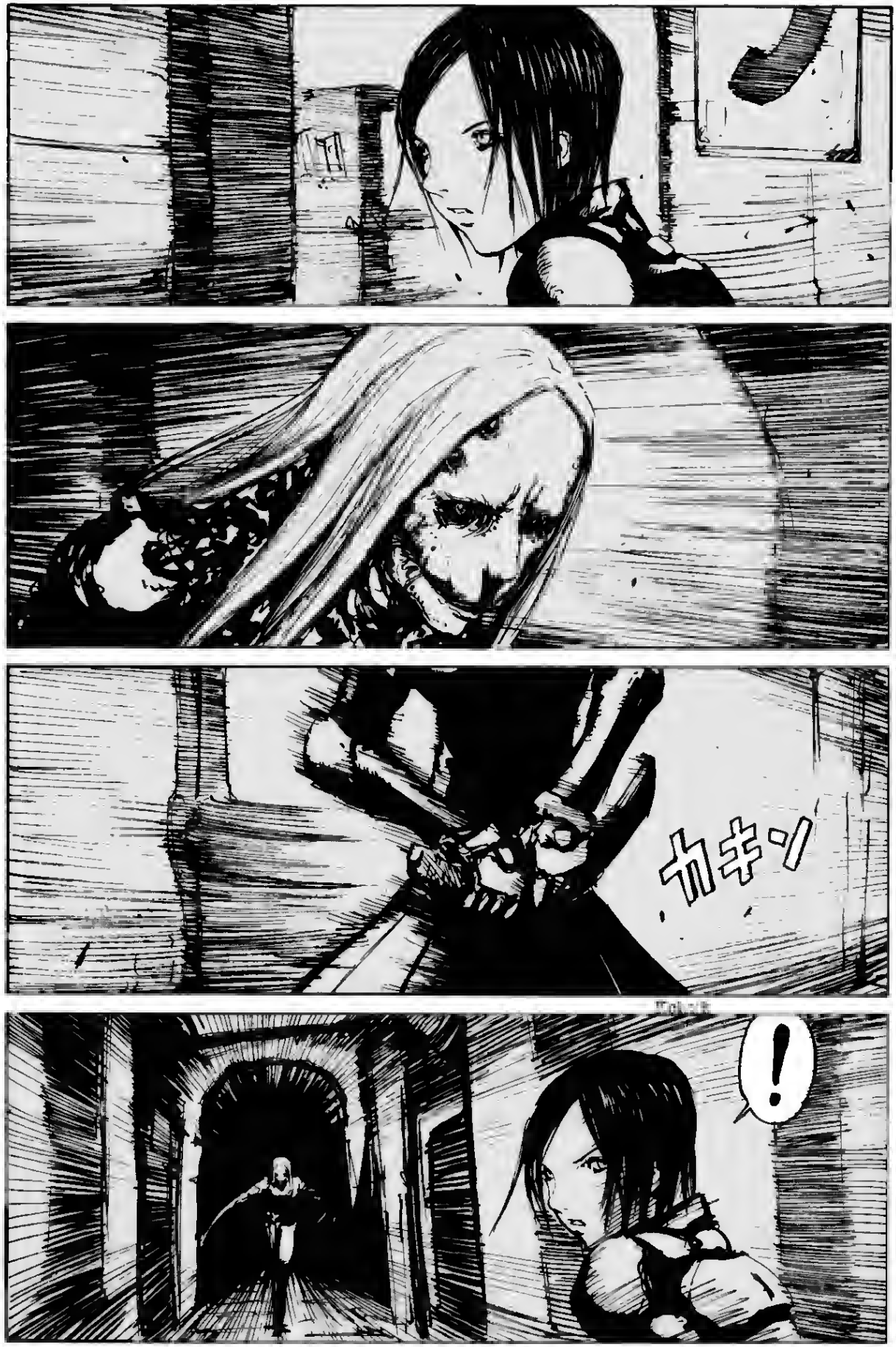
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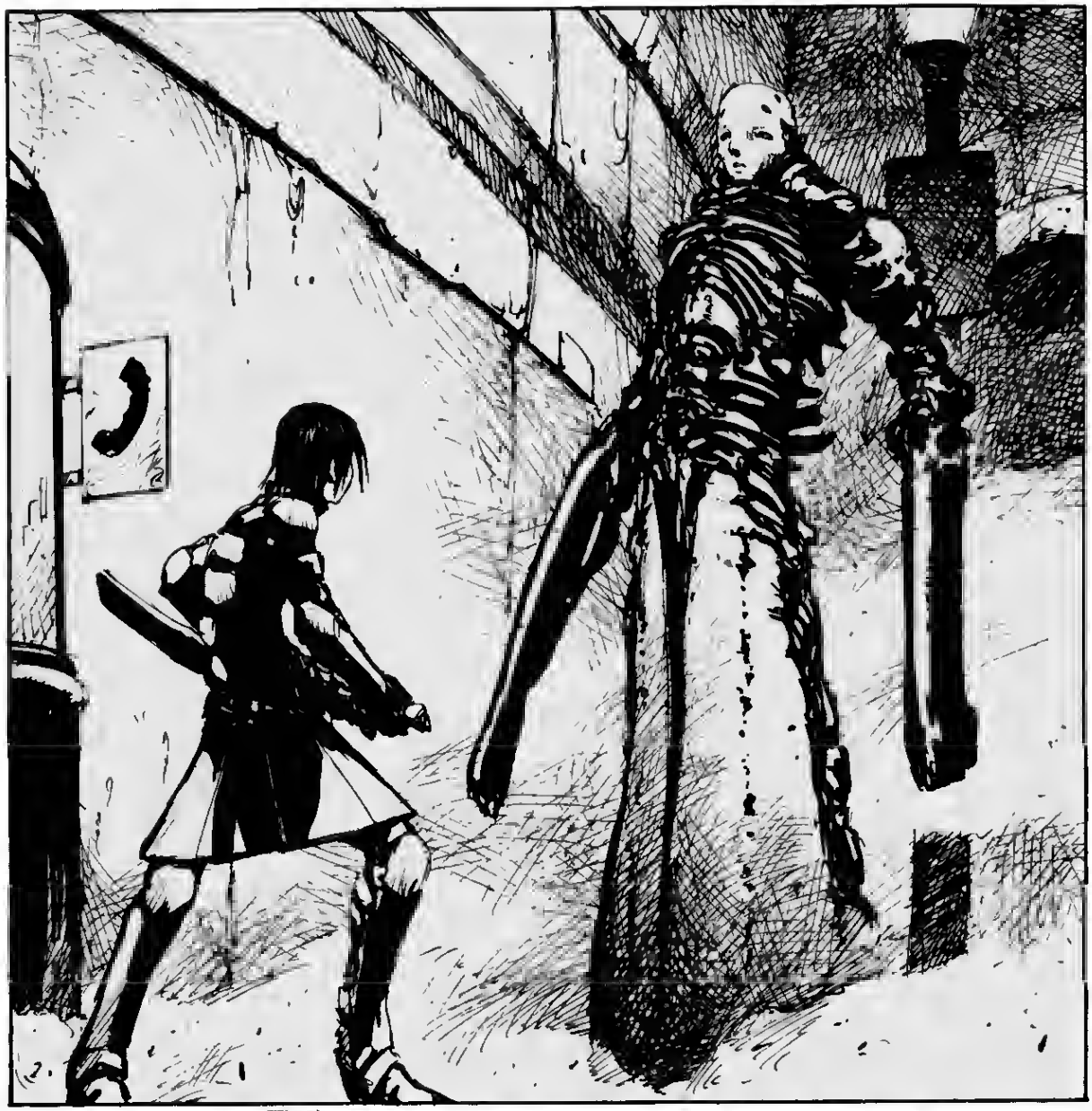

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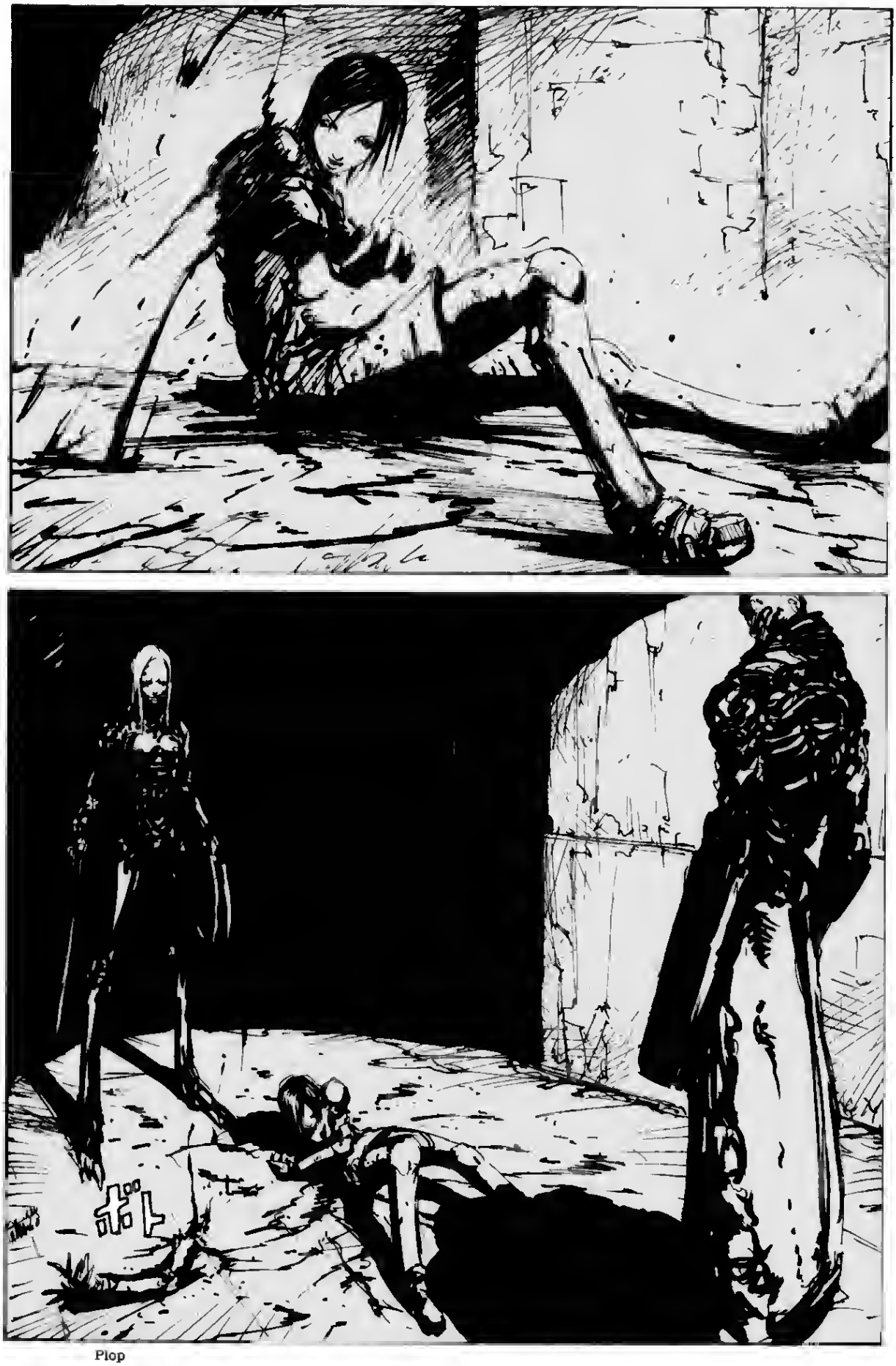

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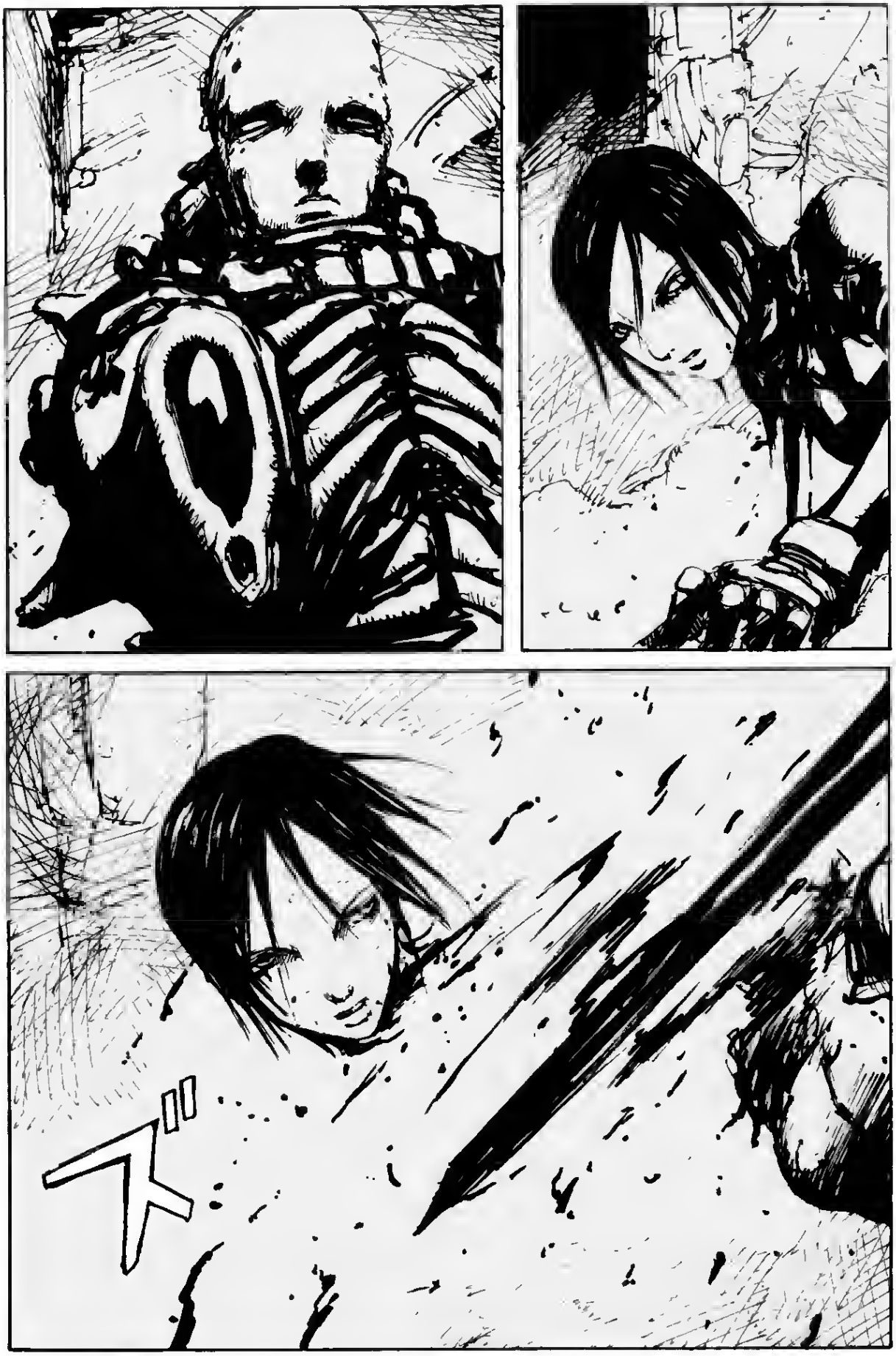

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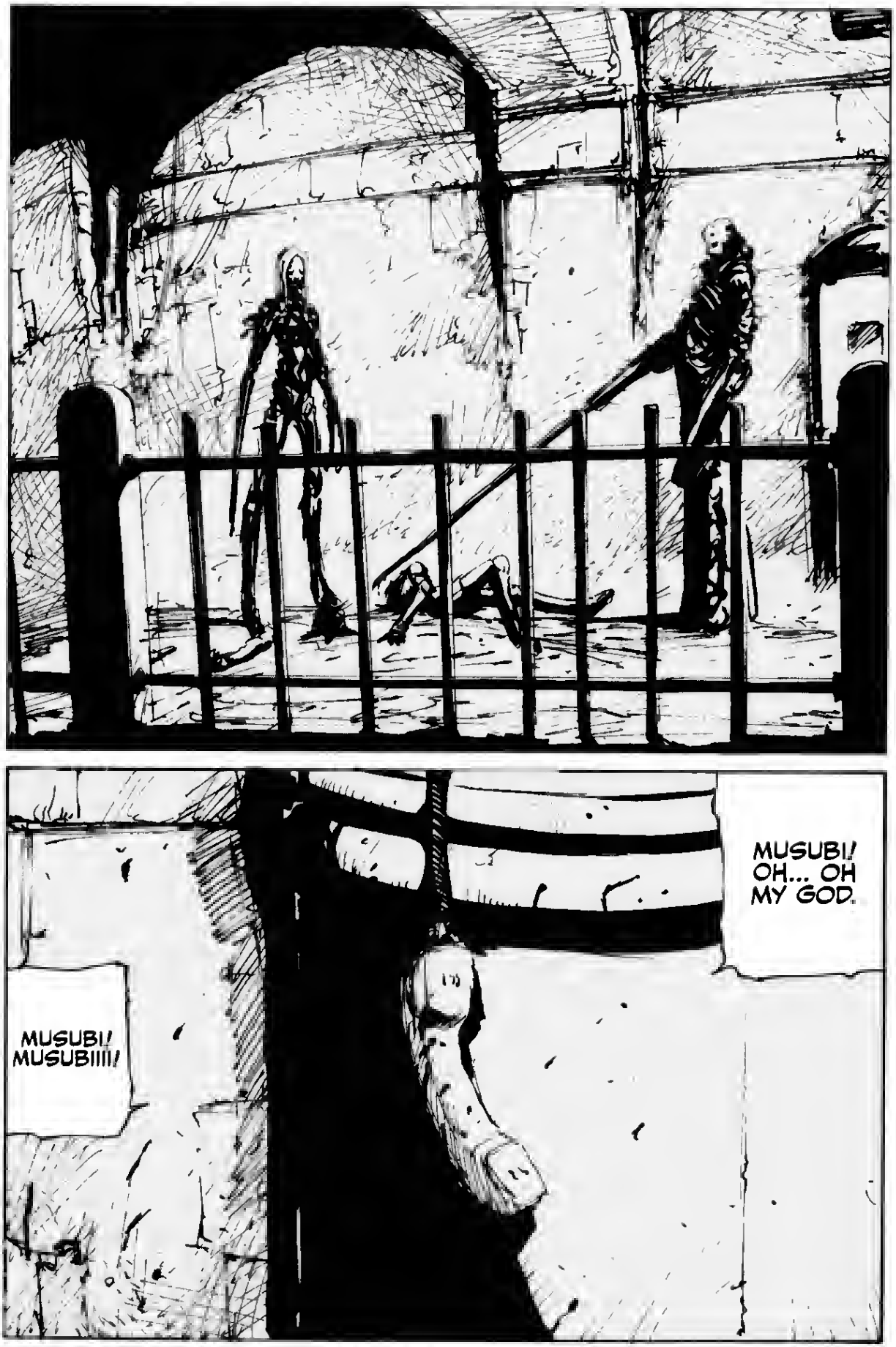
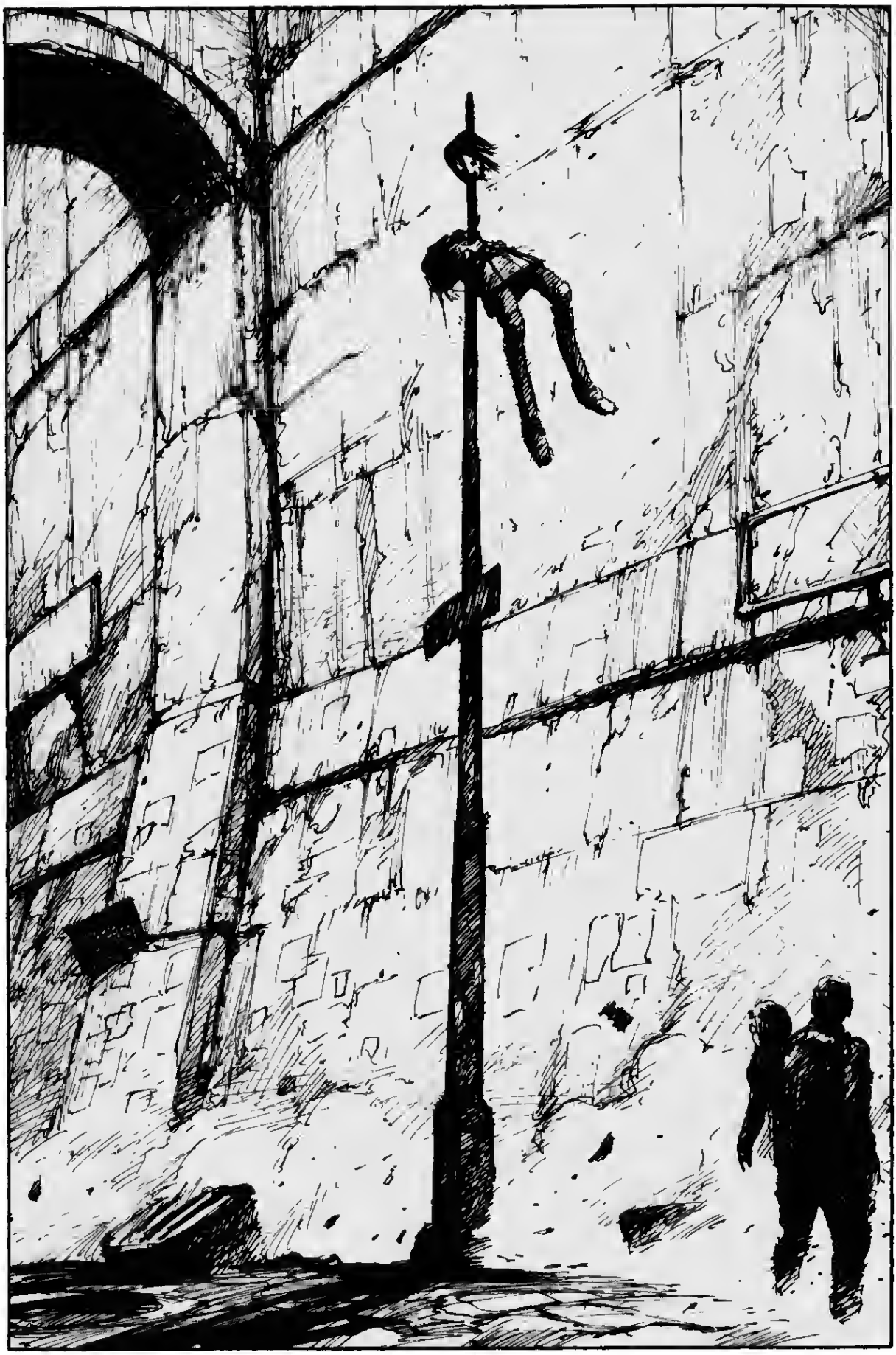

MUSUBI!
OH... OH
MY GOD.
MUSUBI!
MUSUBIIII!



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Chapter 5
Corpse Running Wild
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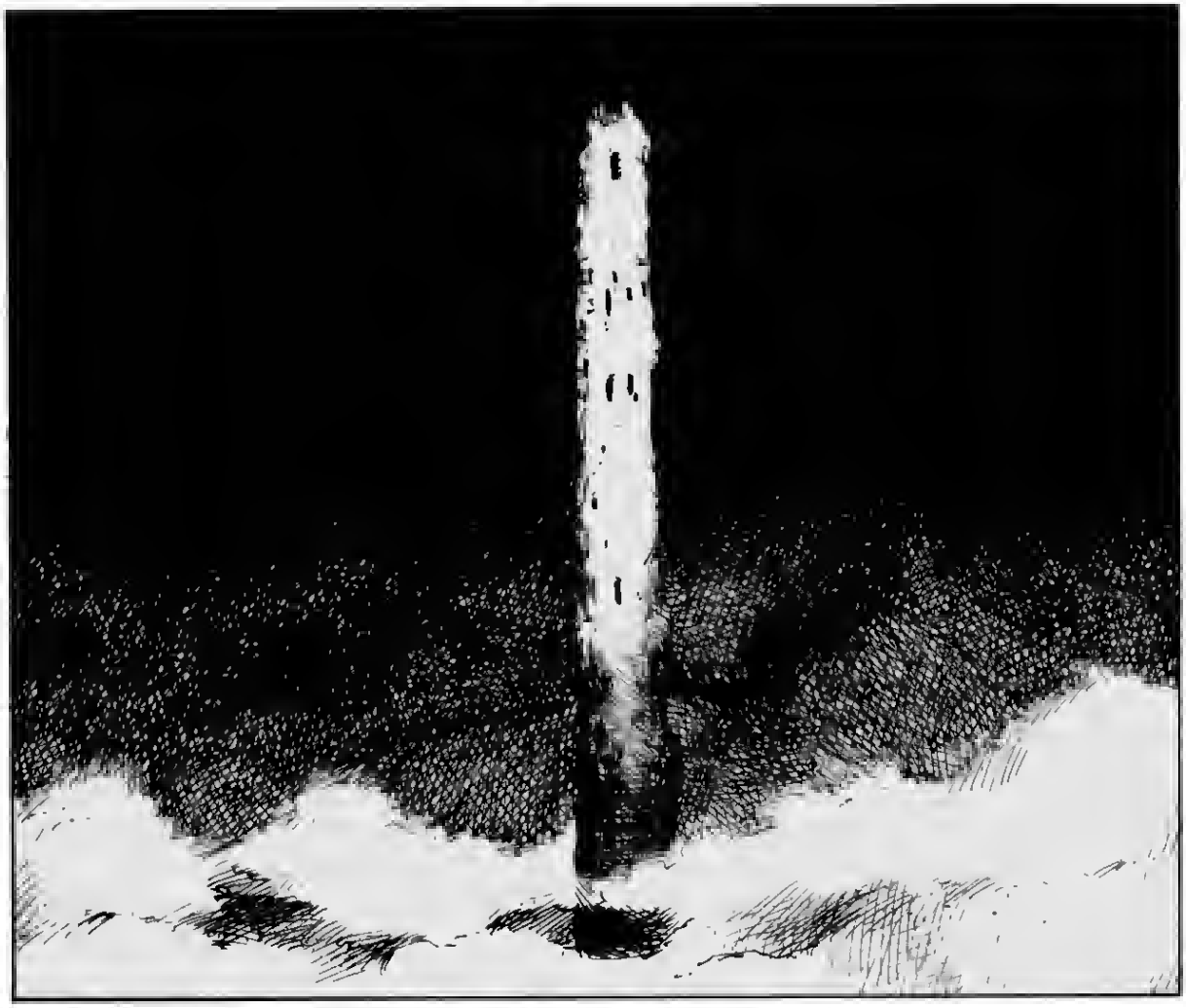
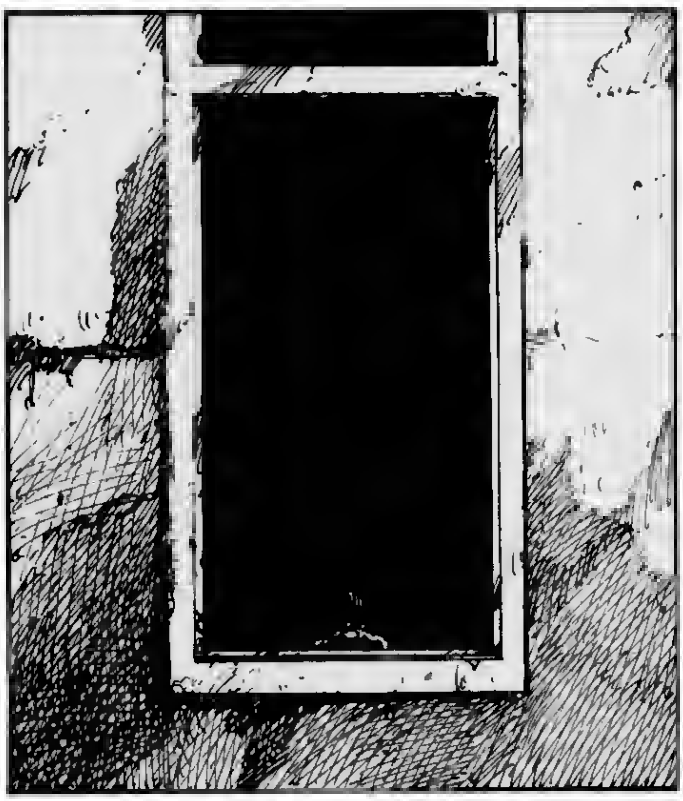


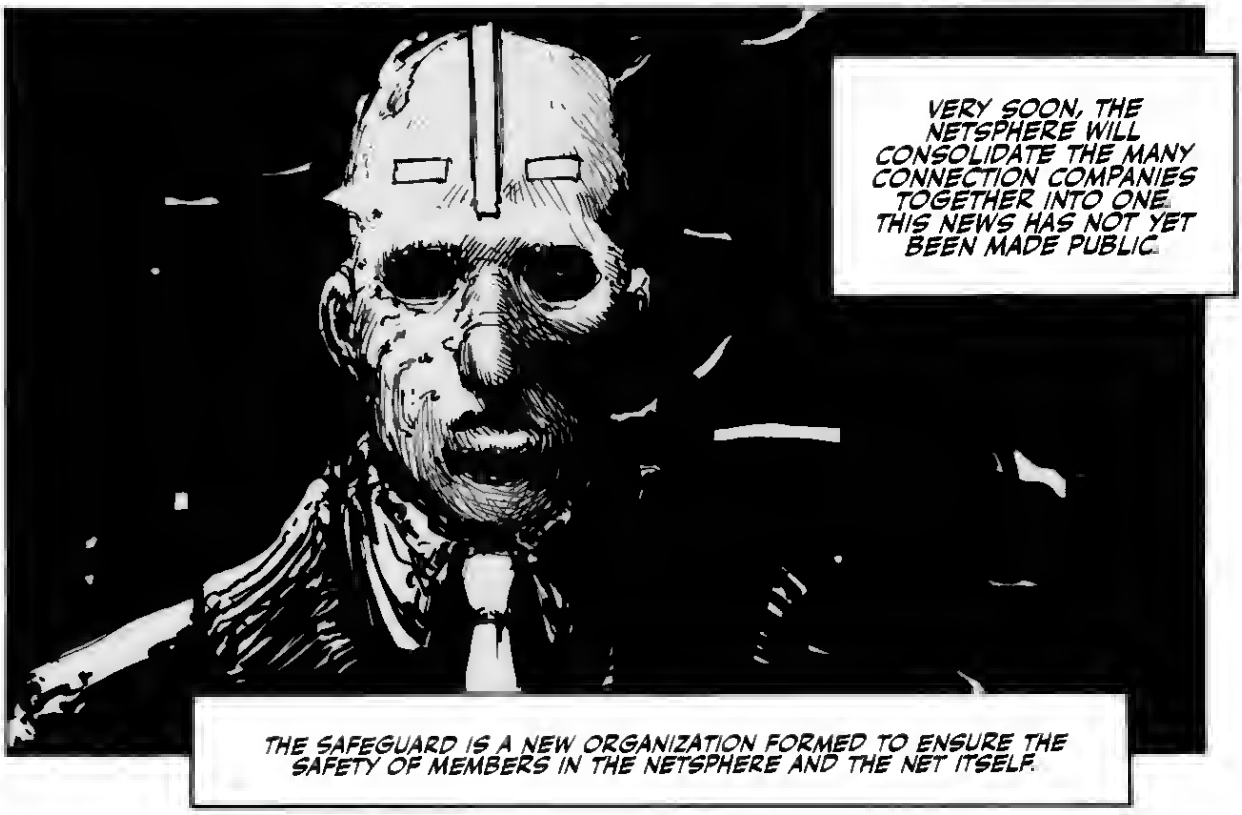


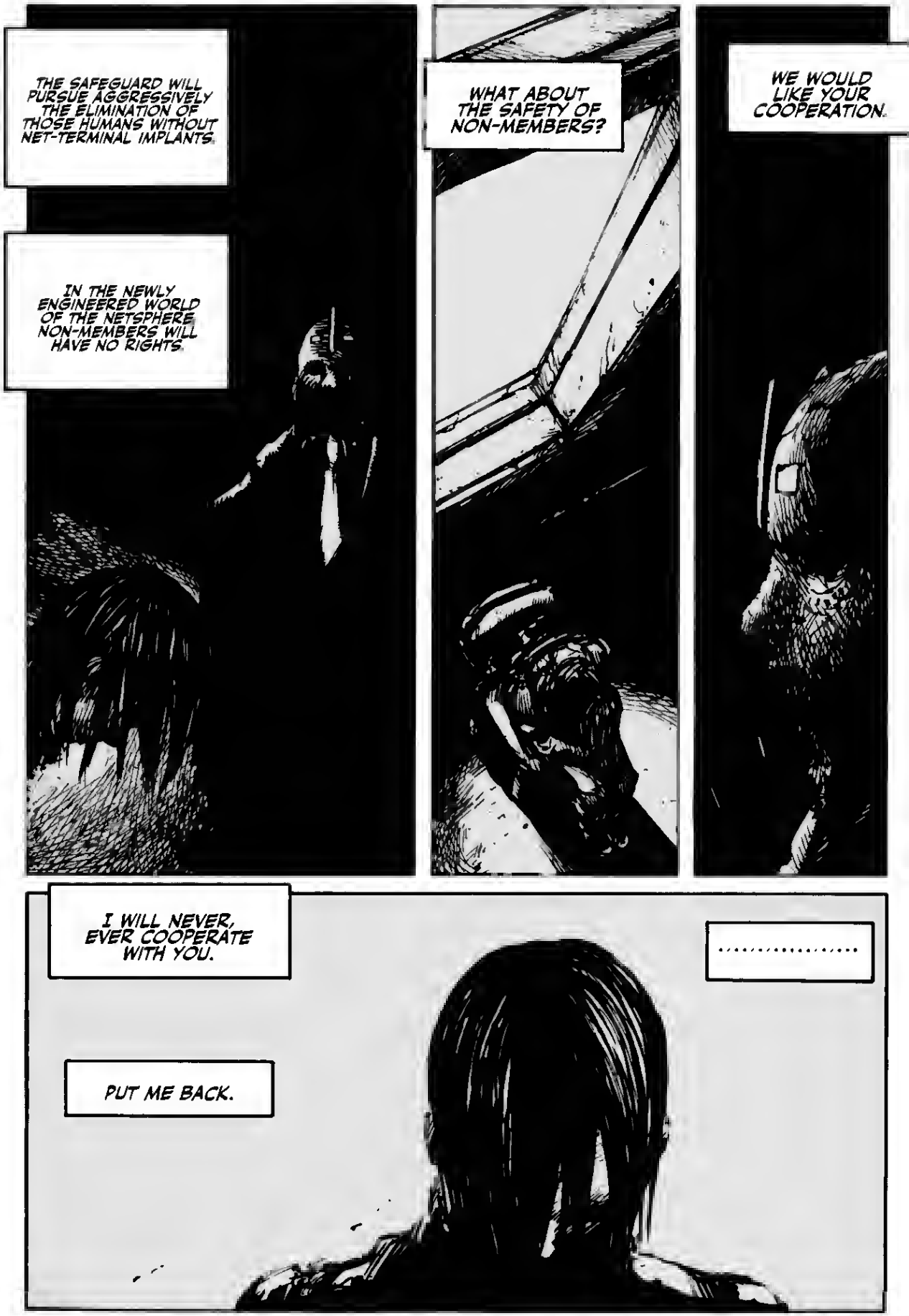
WHERE... AM I?

HOW DO YOU FEEL, MUSUBI SUSONO?

OUR MEDICAL STAFF IS CURRENTLY REVIVING YOU IN BASE REALITY. DURING THIS TIME, WE HAVE PLACED YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IN STORAGE, AS A SORT OF TEST.
SAFEGUARD?! WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?

WITHIN THE NETSPHERE.
ONE OF THE TERRITORIES BELONGING TO US, THE SAFEGUARD.
YOU DIED AND WERE BROUGHT HERE.


VERY SOON, THE NETSPHERE WILL CONSOLIDATE THE MANY CONNECTION COMPANIES TOGETHER INTO ONE. THIS NEWS HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC.
THE SAFEGUARD IS A NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS IN THE NETSPHERE AND THE NET ITSELF.


THE SAFEGUARD WILL PURSUE AGGRESSIVELY THE ELIMINATION OF THOSE HUMANS WITHOUT NET-TERMINAL IMPLANTS.
IN THE NEWLY ENGINEERED WORLD OF THE NETSPHERE, NON-MEMBERS WILL HAVE NO RIGHTS.
WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF NON-MEMBERS?
WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COOPERATION.
I WILL NEVER, EVER COOPERATE WITH YOU.
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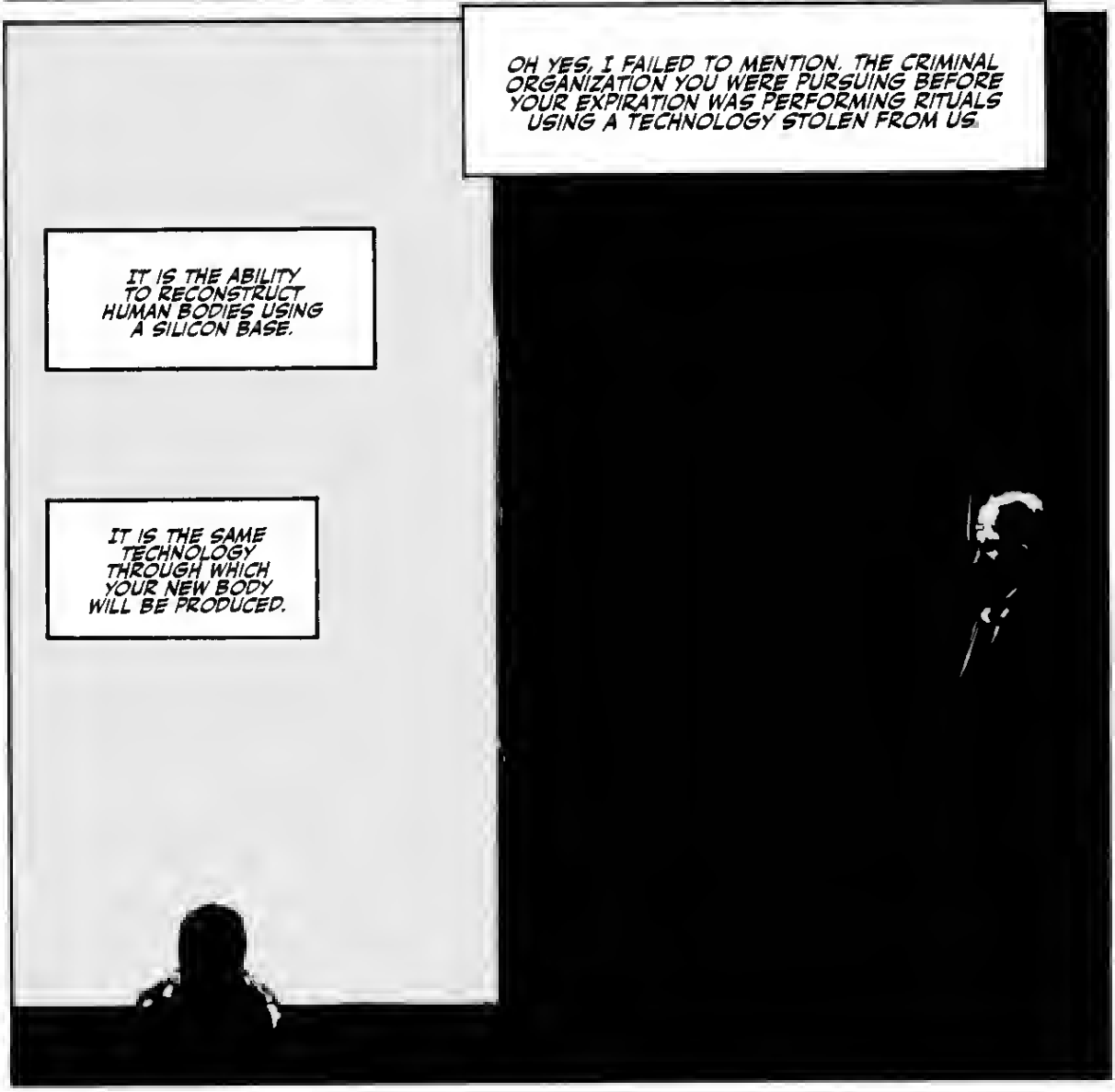
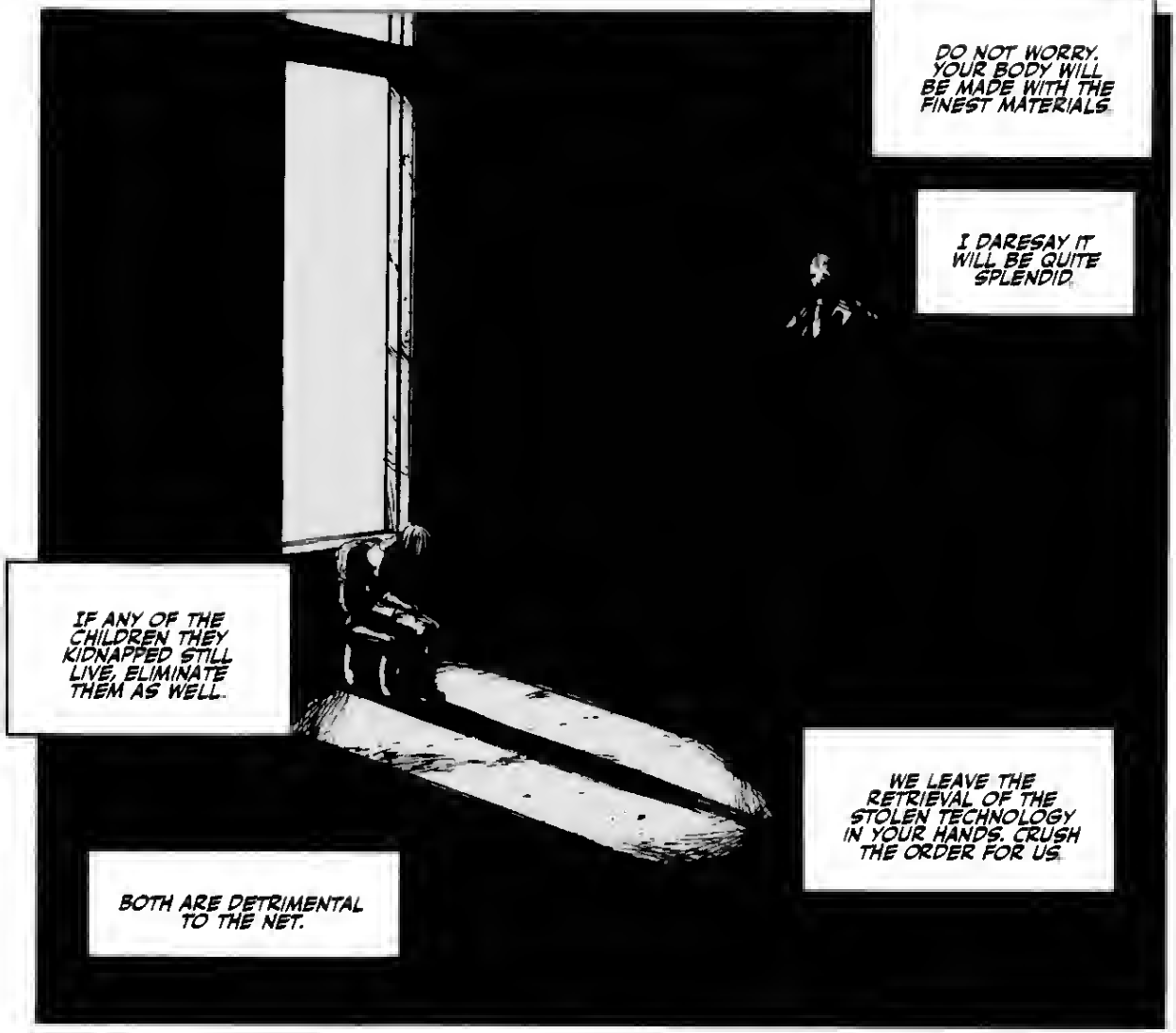
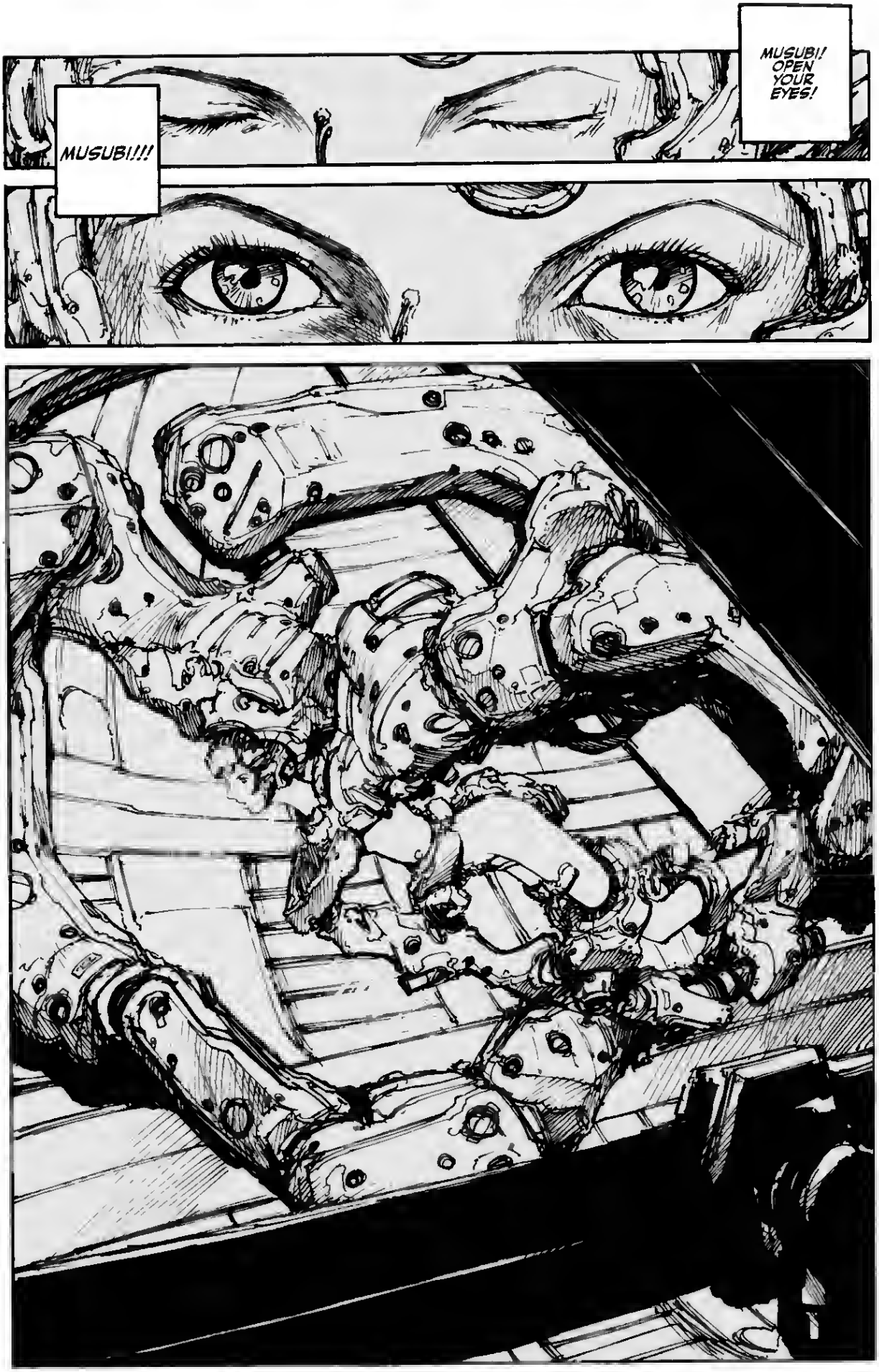
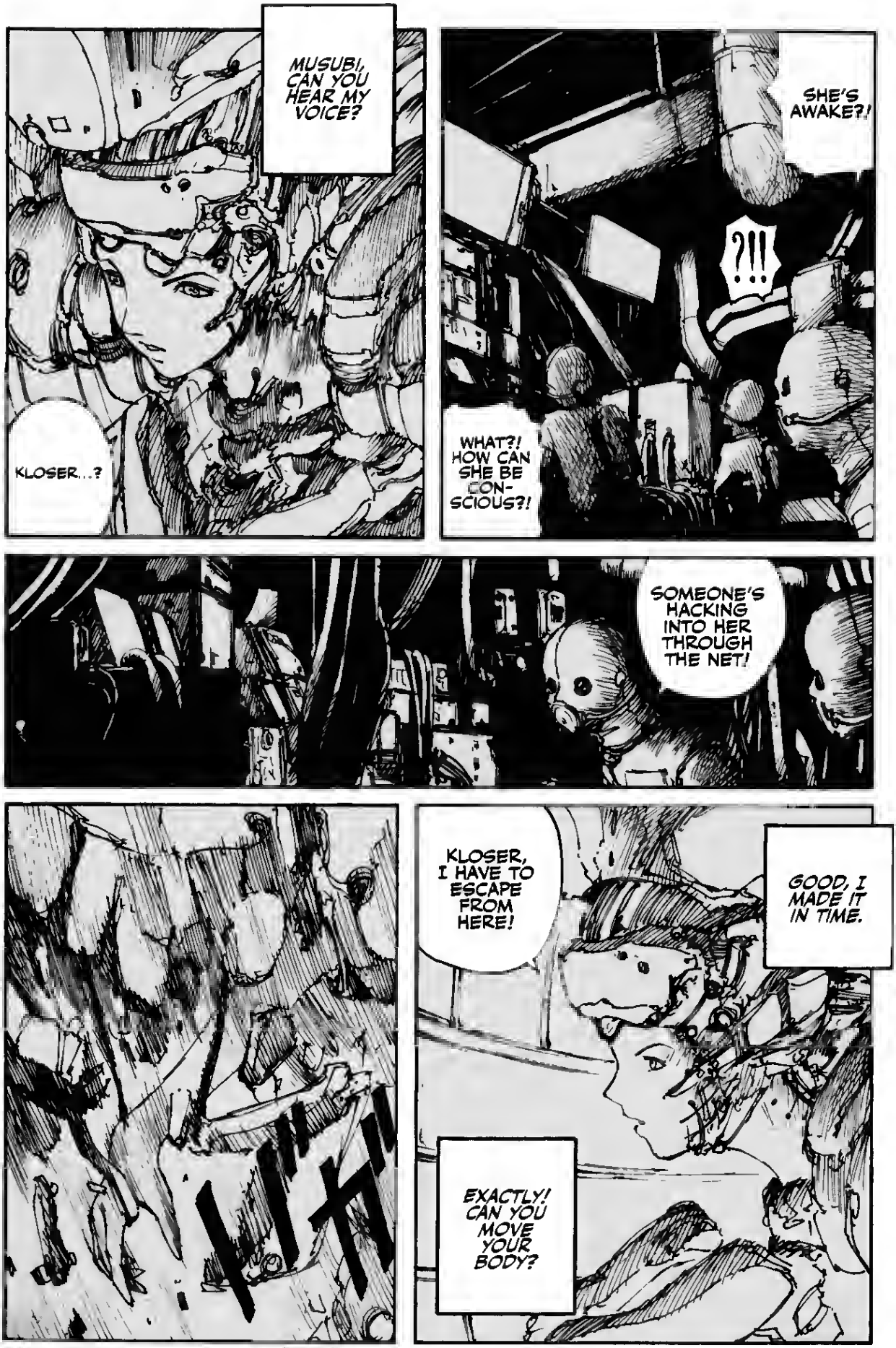
PUT ME BACK.

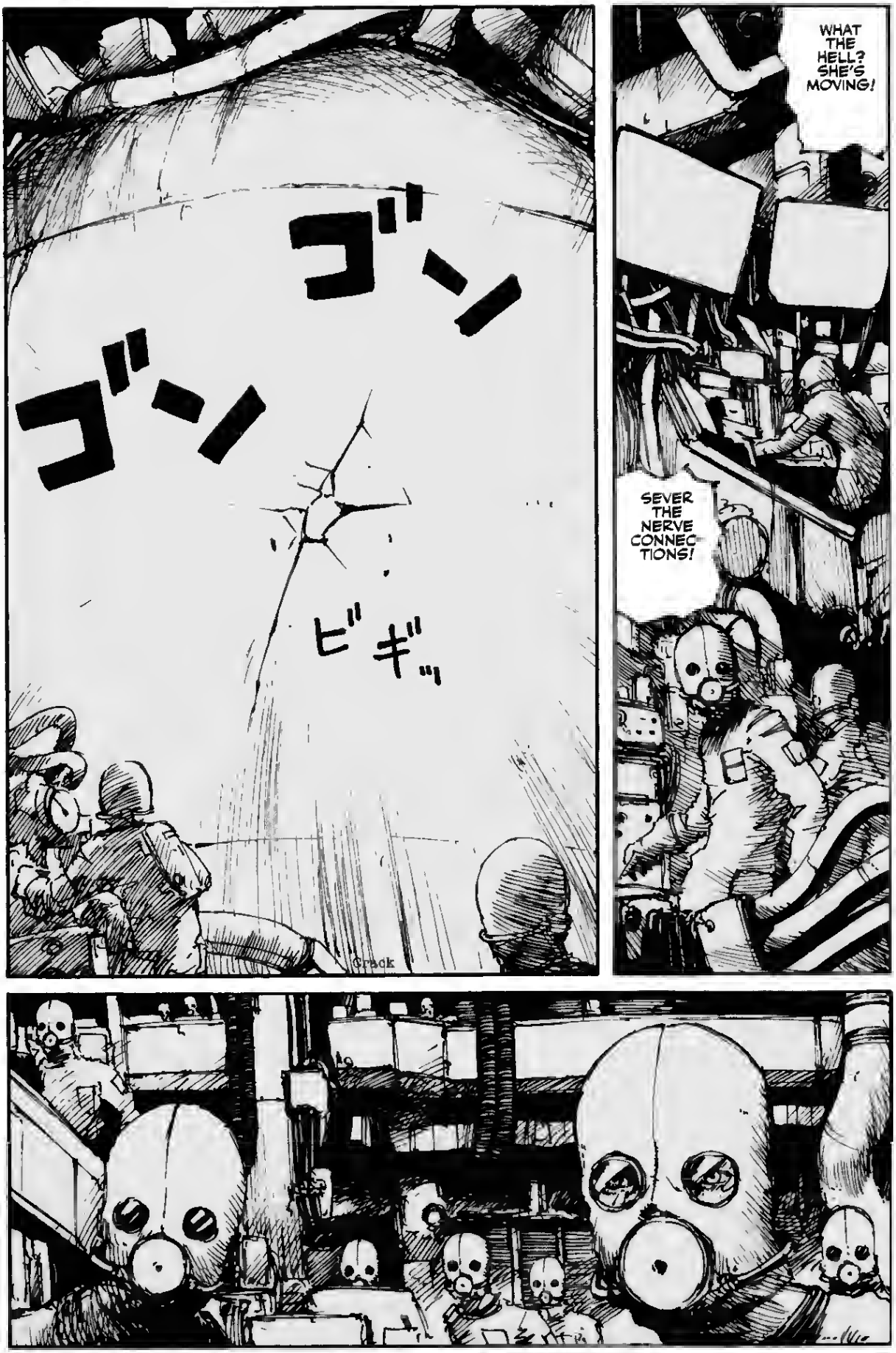
WE DO NOT SEEK YOUR APPROVAL.
YOUR BRAINWASHING HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED UPON.


OH YES, I FAILED TO MENTION. THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION YOU WERE PURSUING BEFORE YOUR EXPIRATION WAS PERFORMING RITUALS USING A TECHNOLOGY STOLEN FROM US.
IT IS THE ABILITY TO RECONSTRUCT HUMAN BODIES USING A SILICON BASE.
IT IS THE SAME TECHNOLOGY THROUGH WHICH YOUR NEW BODY WILL BE PRODUCED.


DO NOT WORRY. YOUR BODY WILL BE MADE WITH THE FINEST MATERIALS.
I DARESAY IT WILL BE QUITE SPLENDID.
IF ANY OF THE CHILDREN THEY KIDNAPPED STILL LIVE, ELIMINATE THEM AS WELL.
WE LEAVE THE RETRIEVAL OF THE STOLEN TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR HANDS. CRUSH THE ORDER FOR US.
BOTH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NET.


MUSUBI!!!
MUSUBI! OPEN YOUR EYES!


MUSUBI, CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
KLOSER...?
SHE'S AWAKE?!
?!!!
WHAT?! HOW CAN SHE BE CON-SCIOUS?!
SOMEONE'S HACKING INTO HER THROUGH THE NET!
KLOSER, I HAVE TO ESCAPE FROM HERE!
GOOD, I MADE IT IN TIME.
EXACTLY! CAN YOU MOVE YOUR BODY?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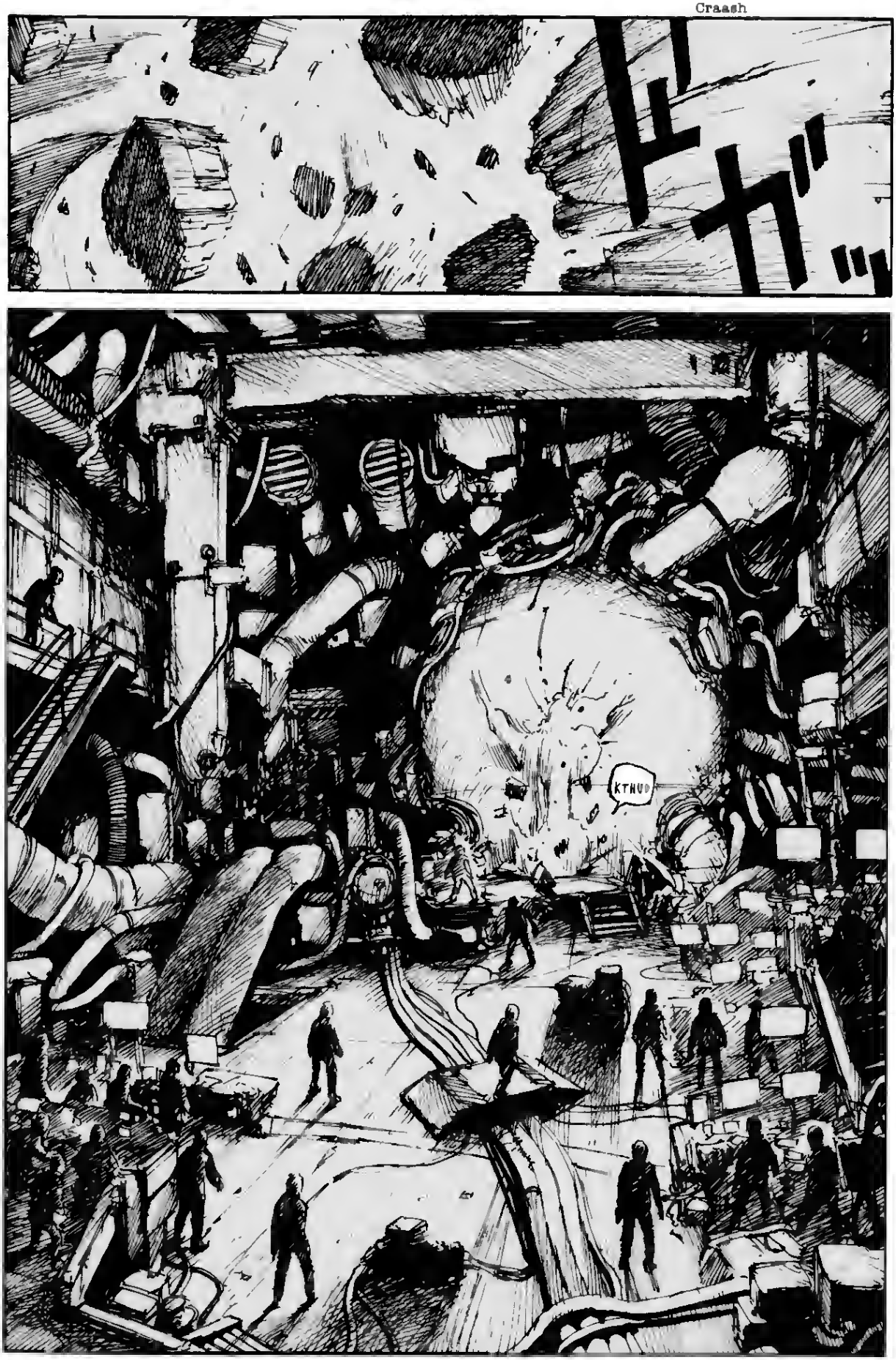
WHAT THE HELL? SHE'S MOVING!
SEVER THE NERVE CONNEC-TIONS!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Fhssss

SHE'S FORMING ARMOR! SHE WANTS TO FIGHT!

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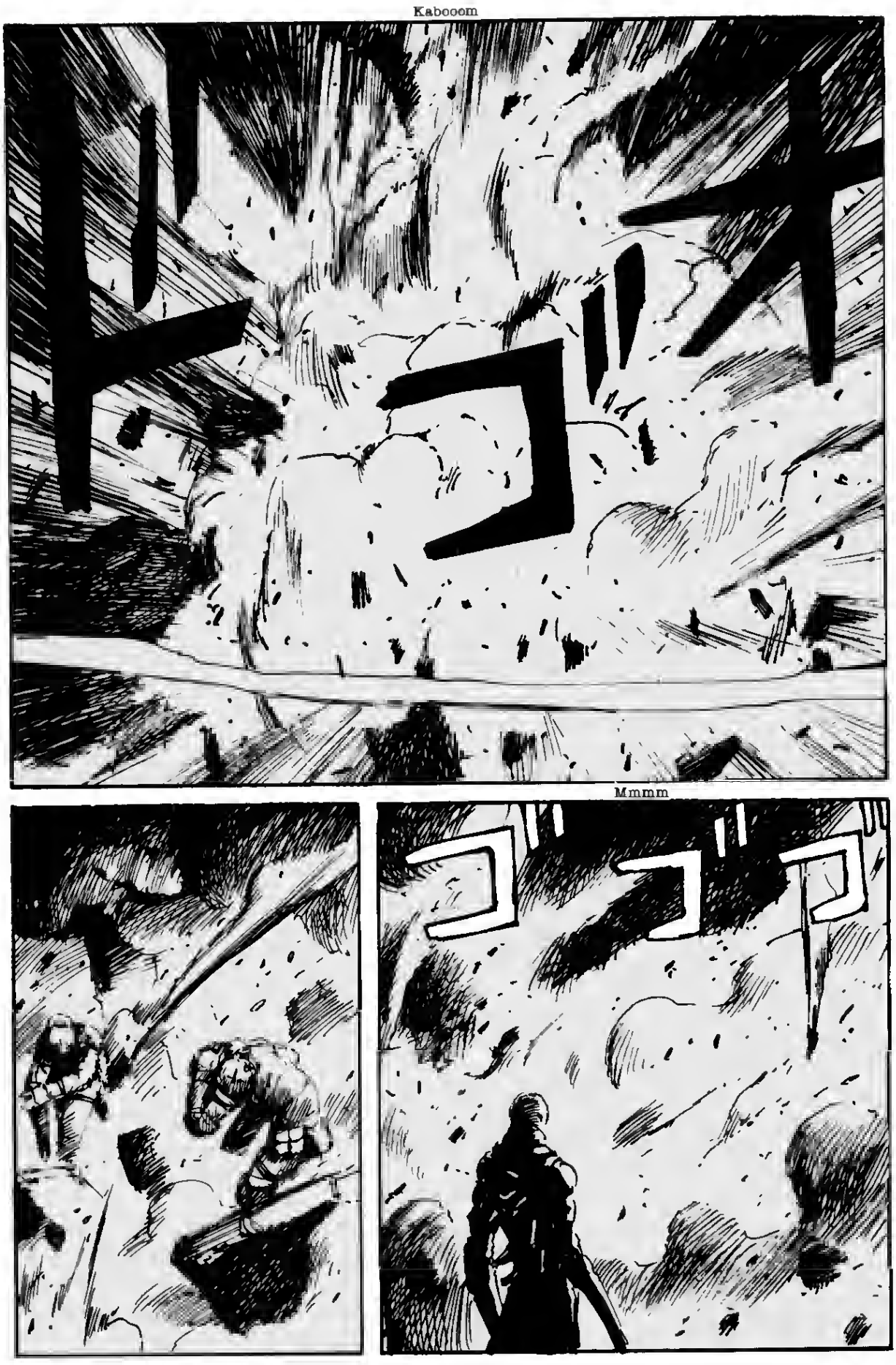
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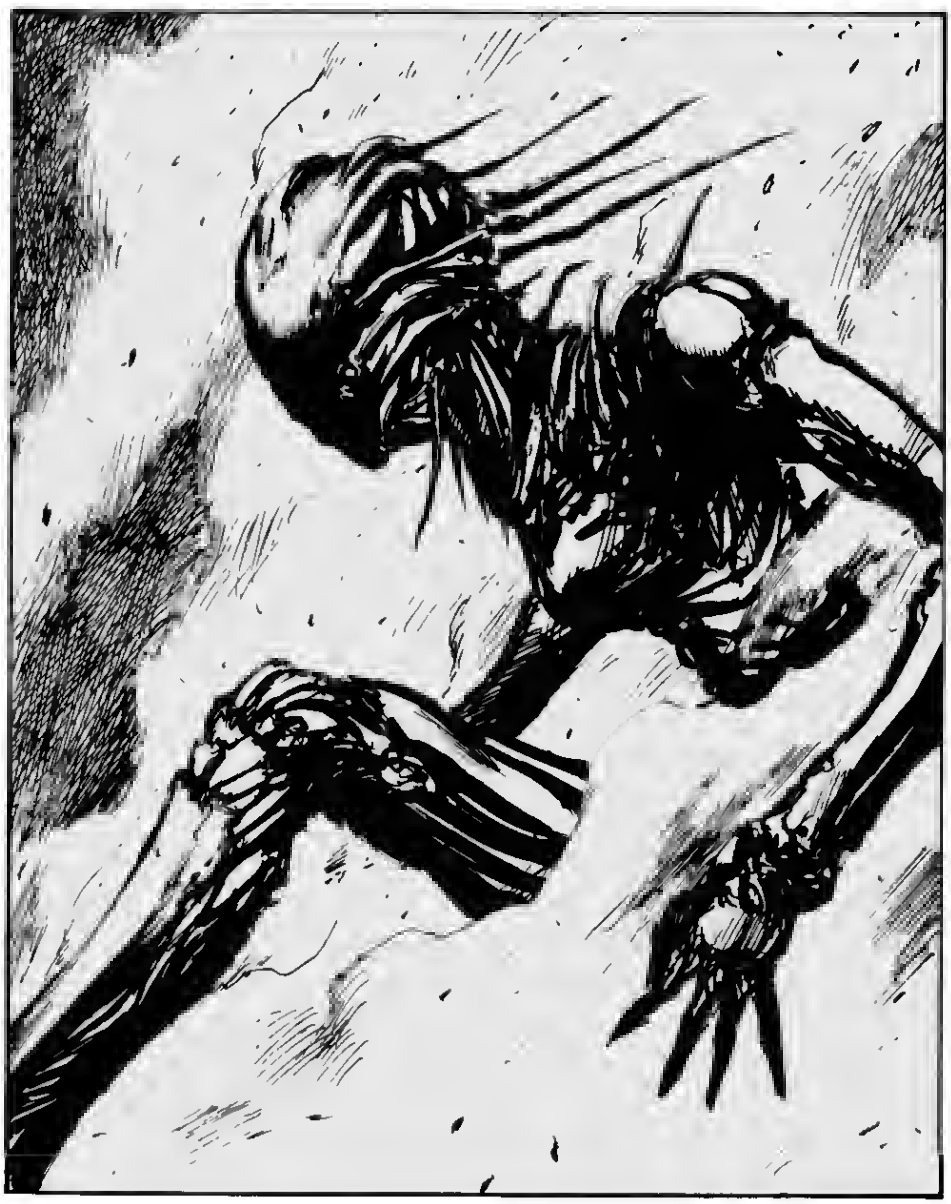

Whoosh
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ISN'T THAT...?
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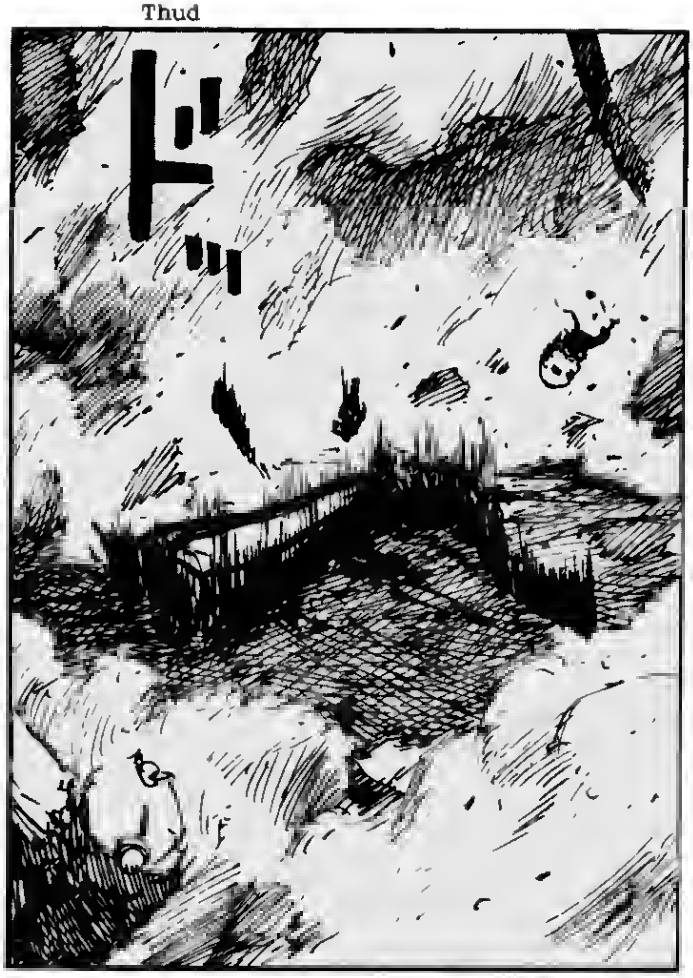
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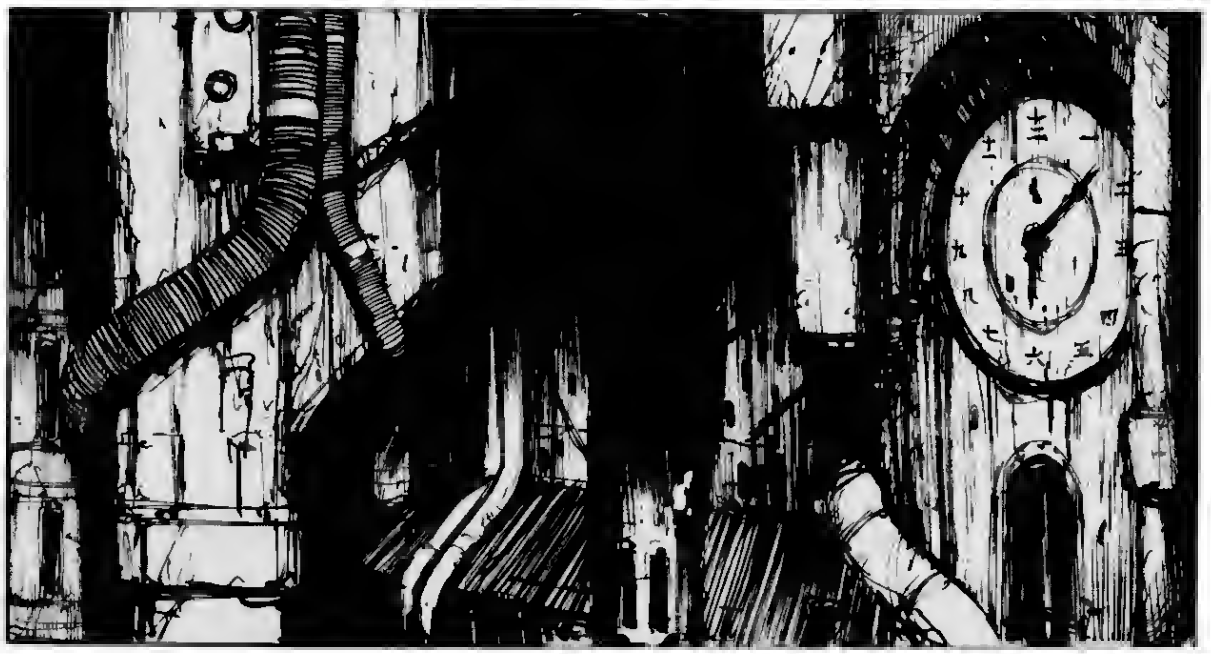

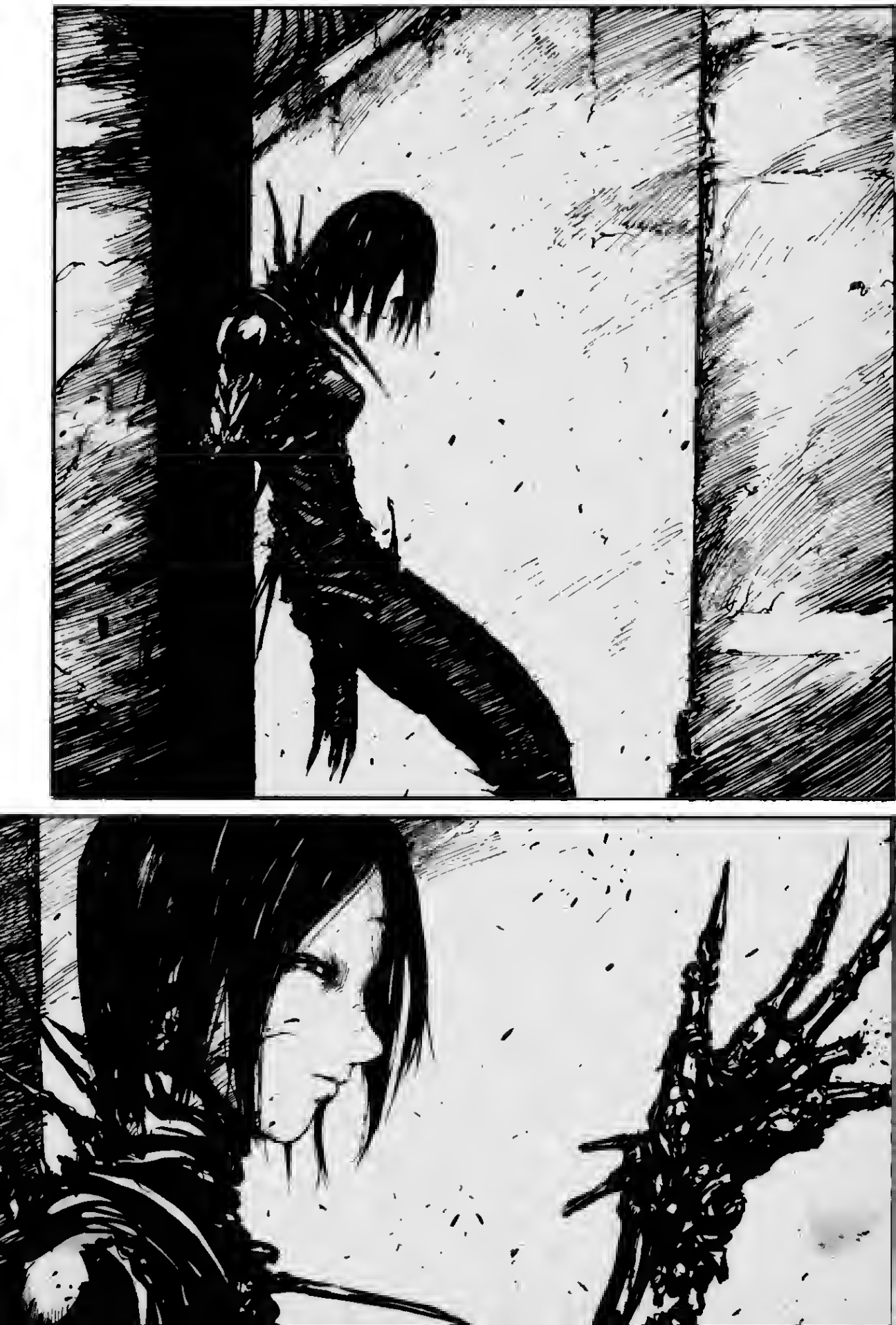

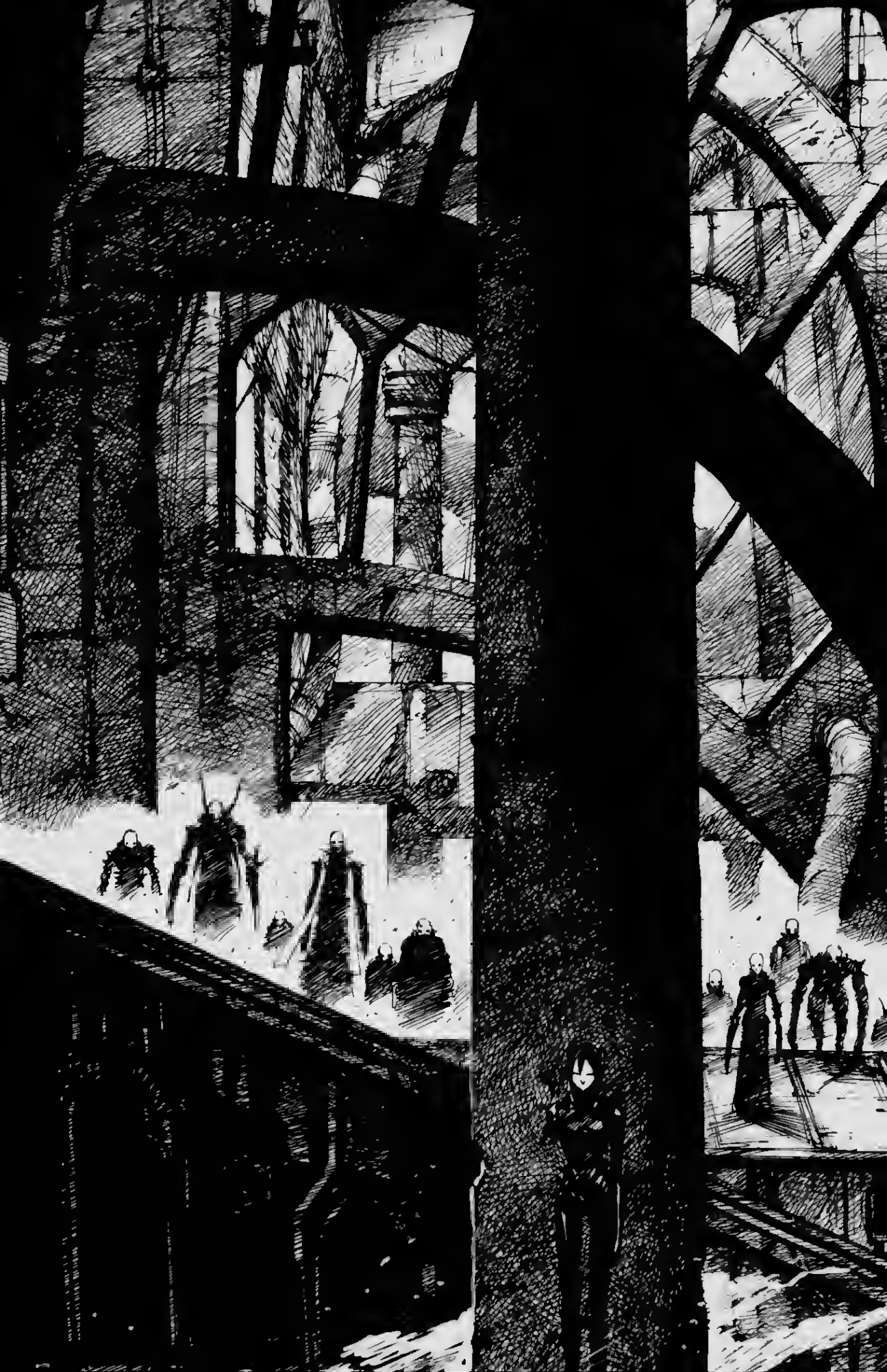

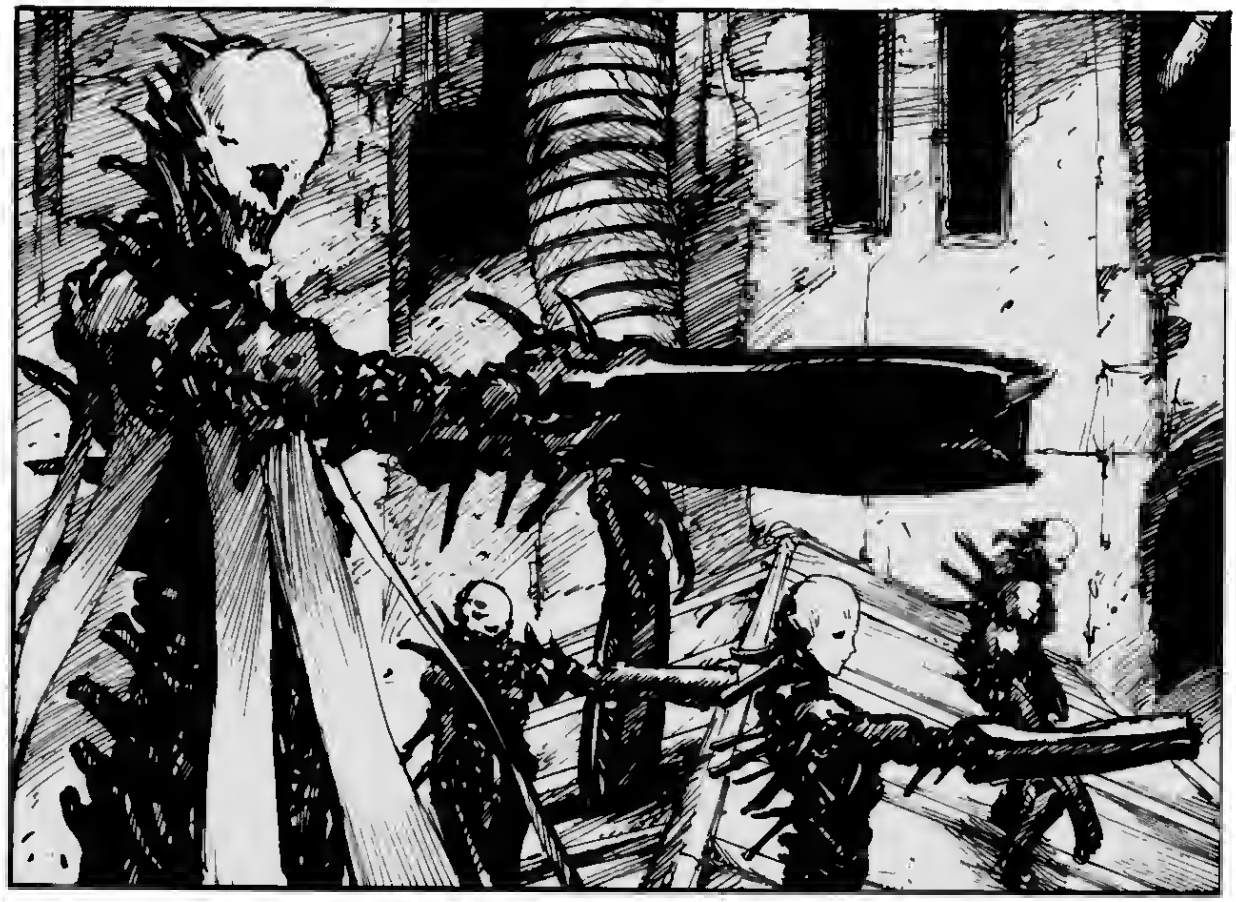

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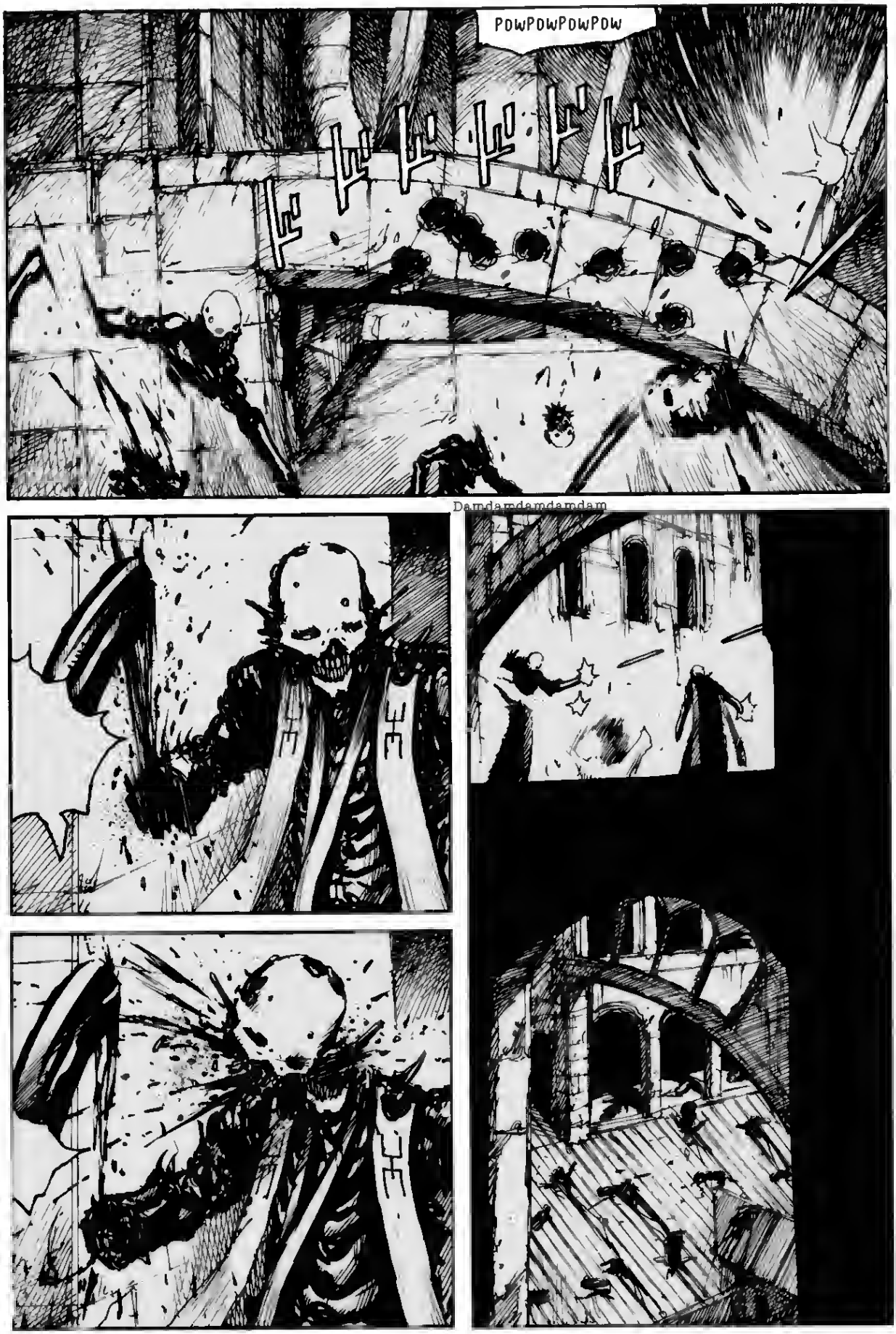
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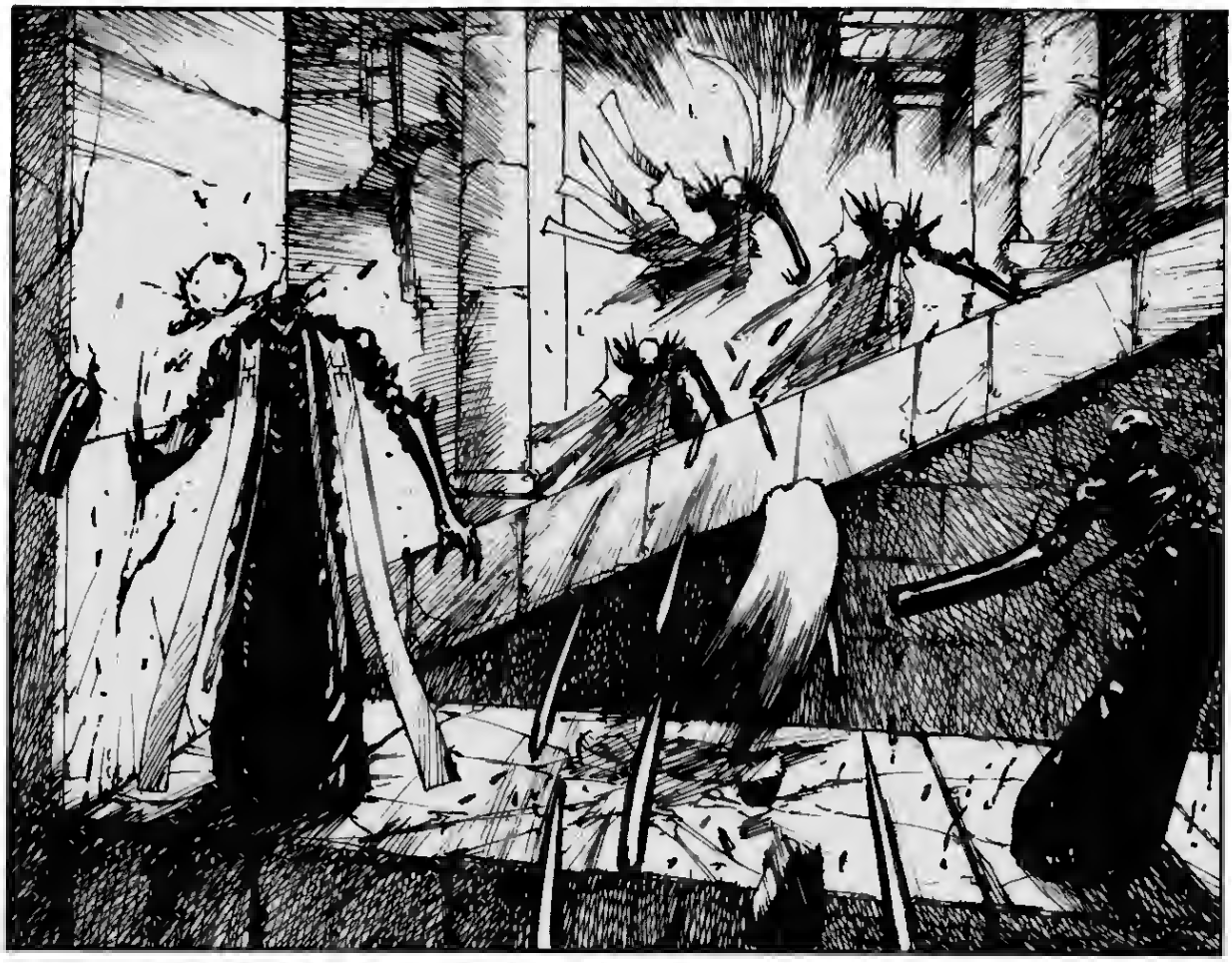

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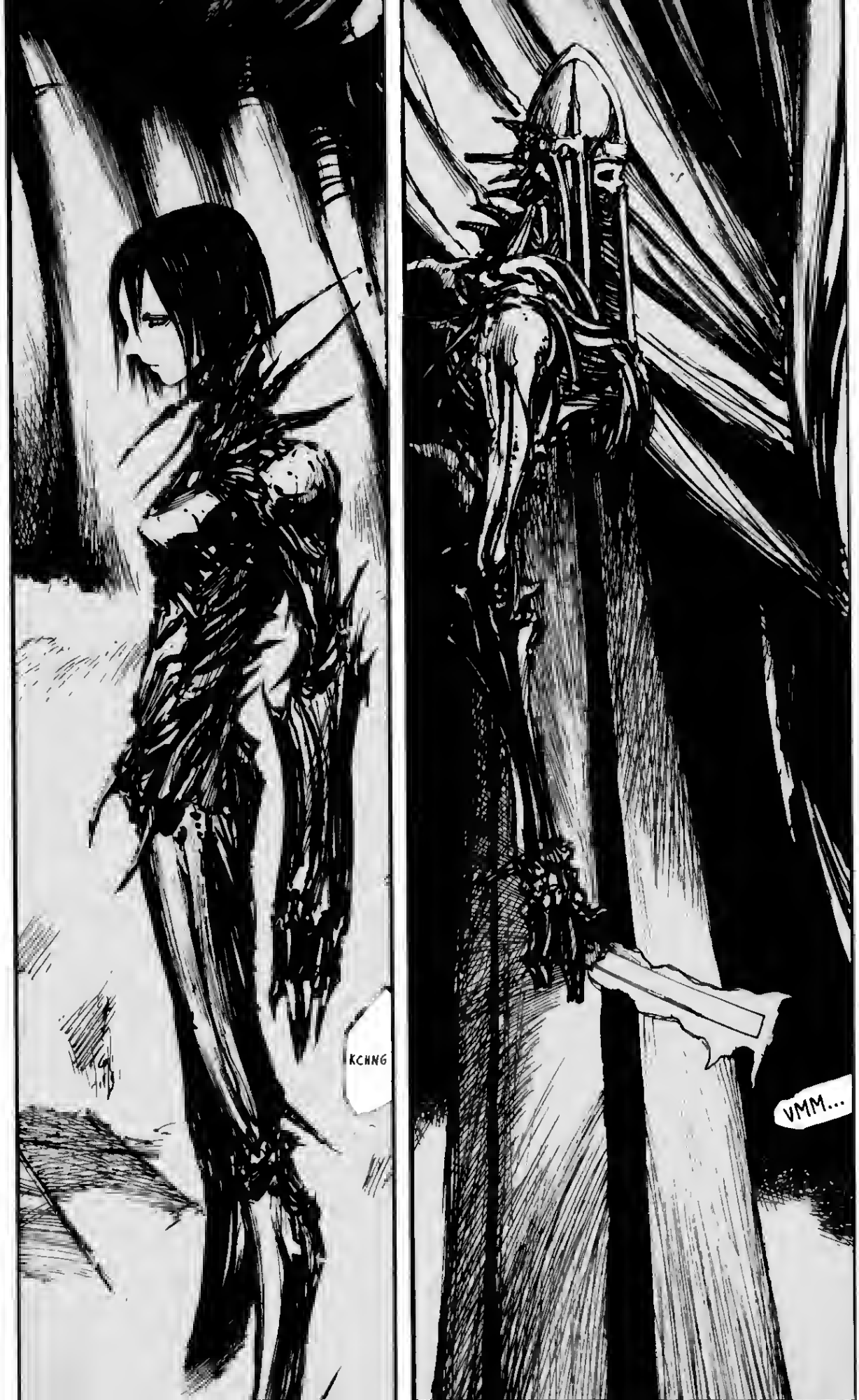
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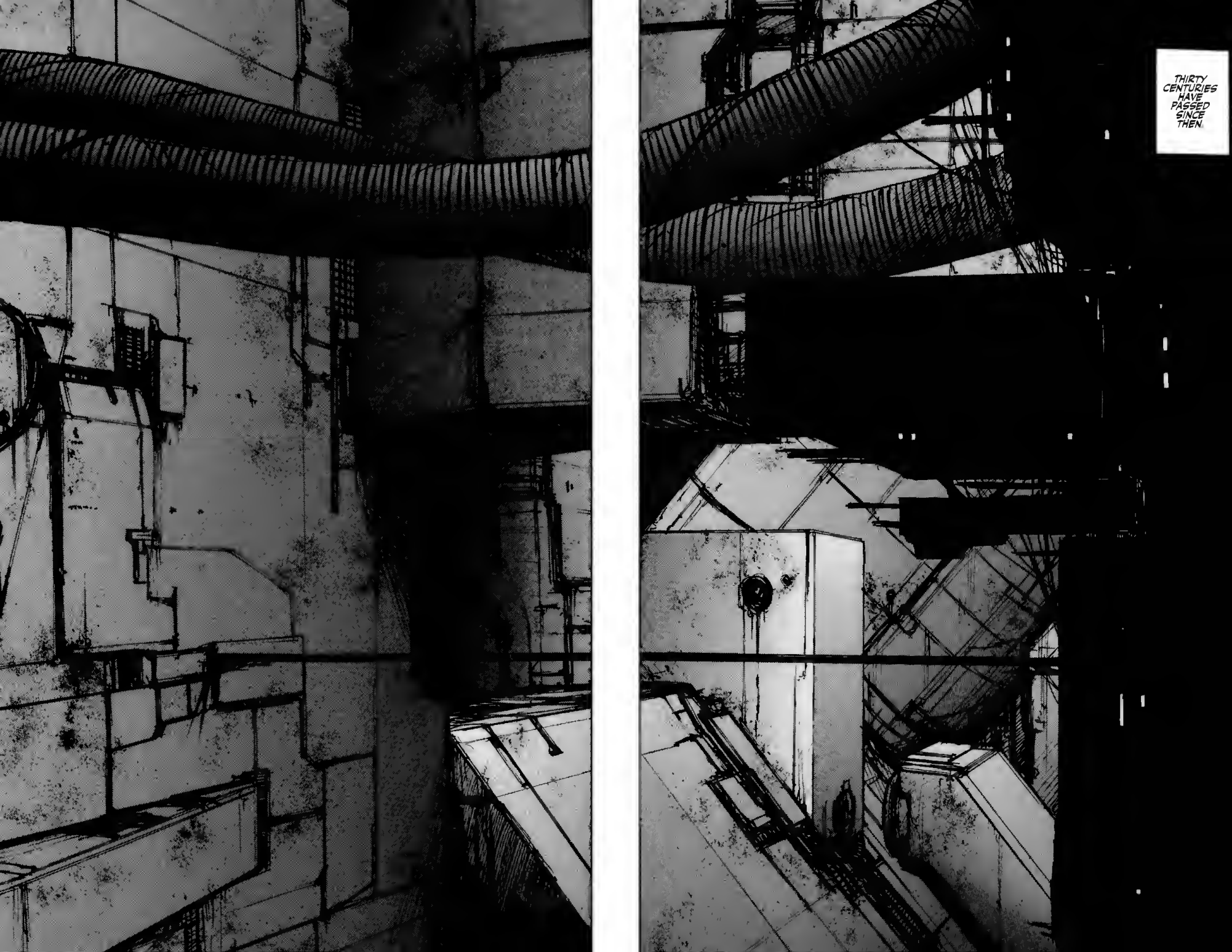
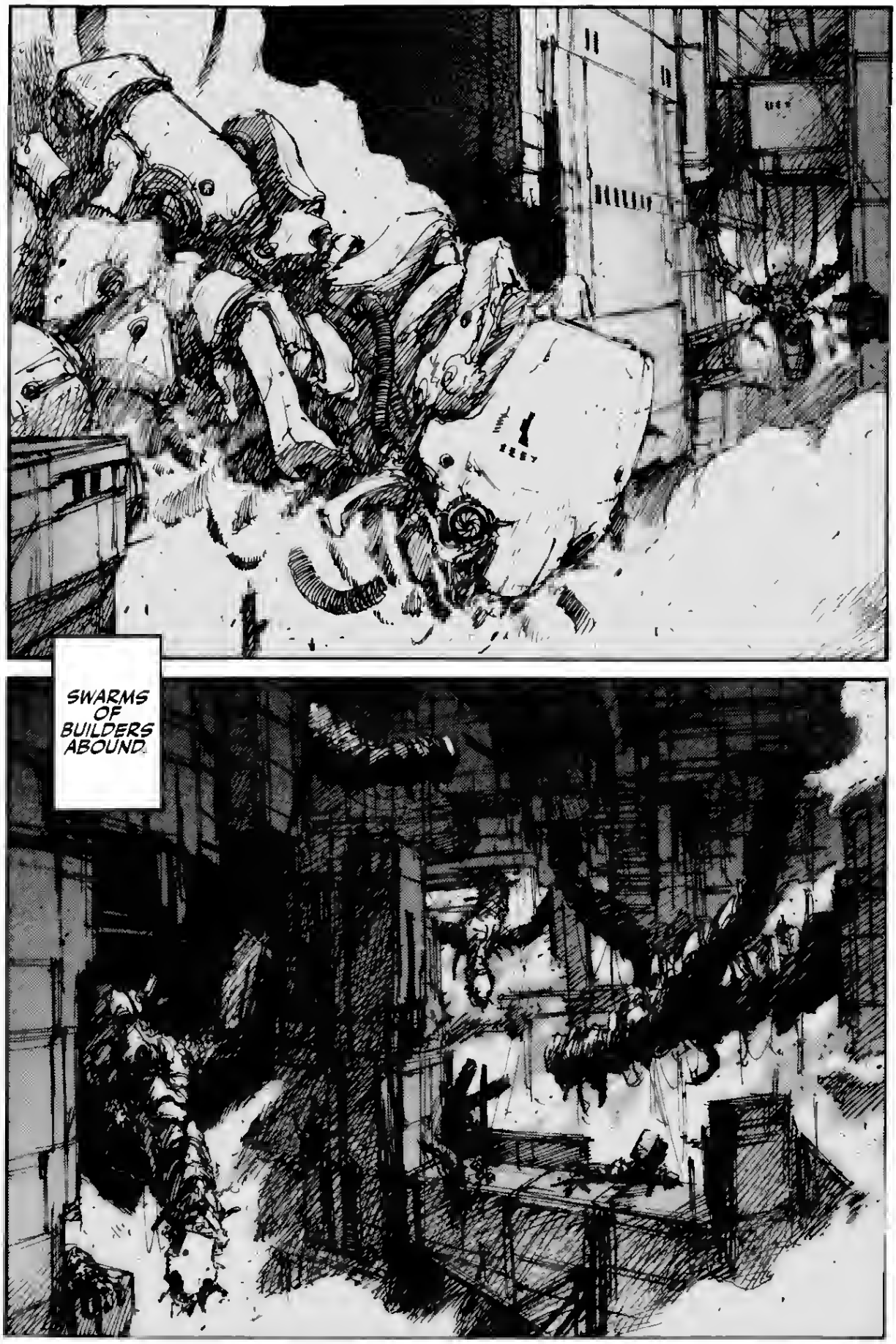
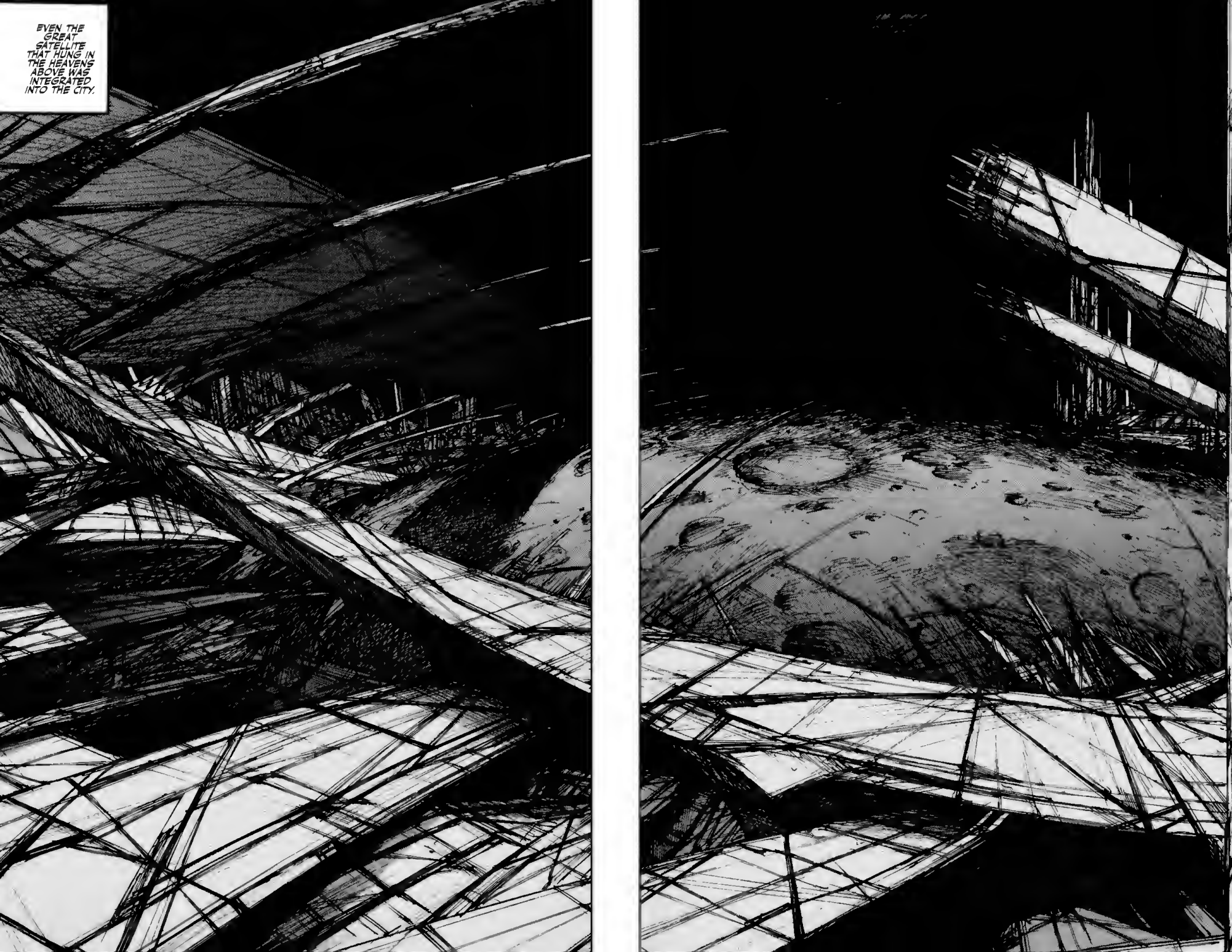
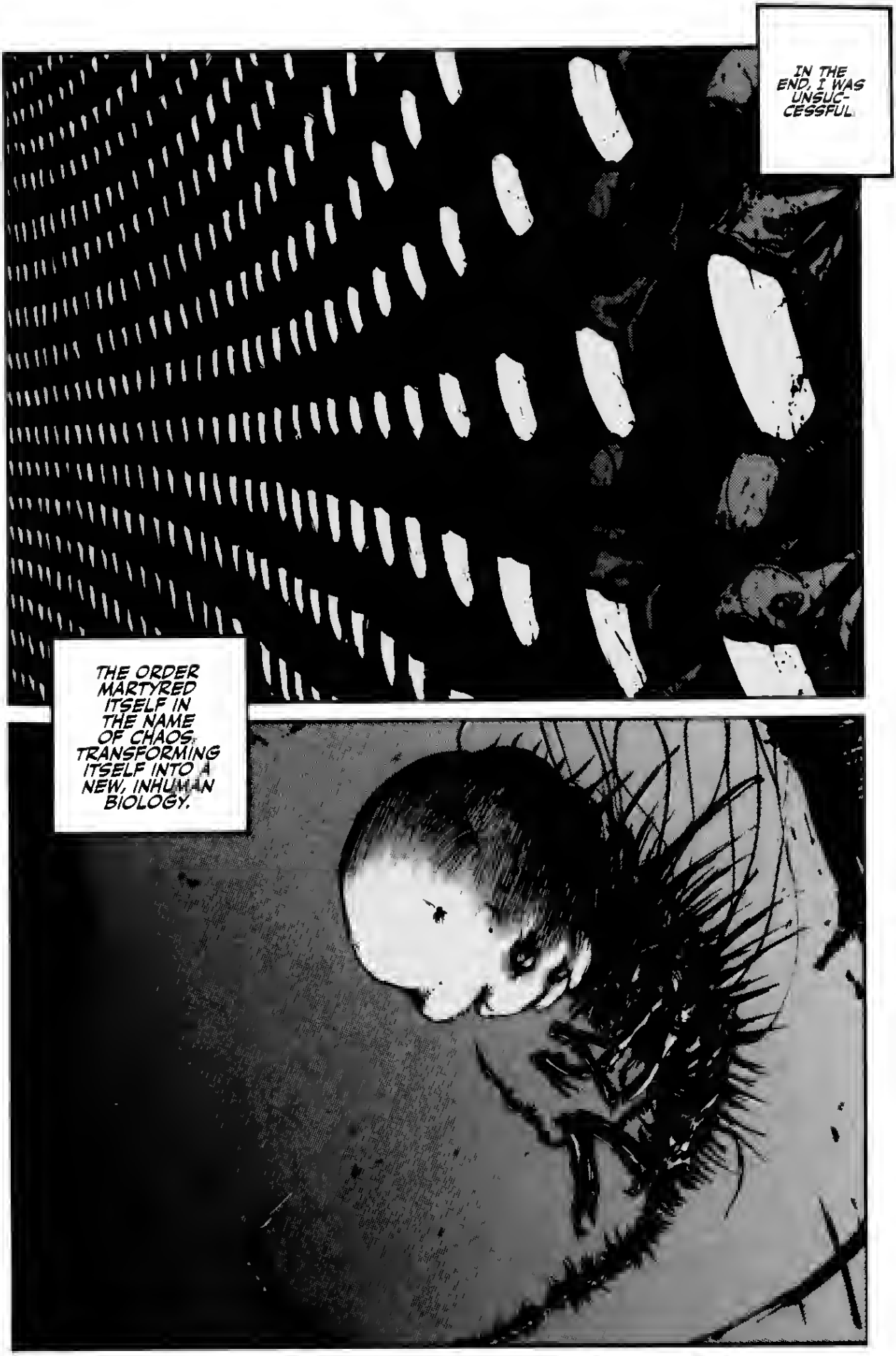

THIRTY CENTURIES HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN.

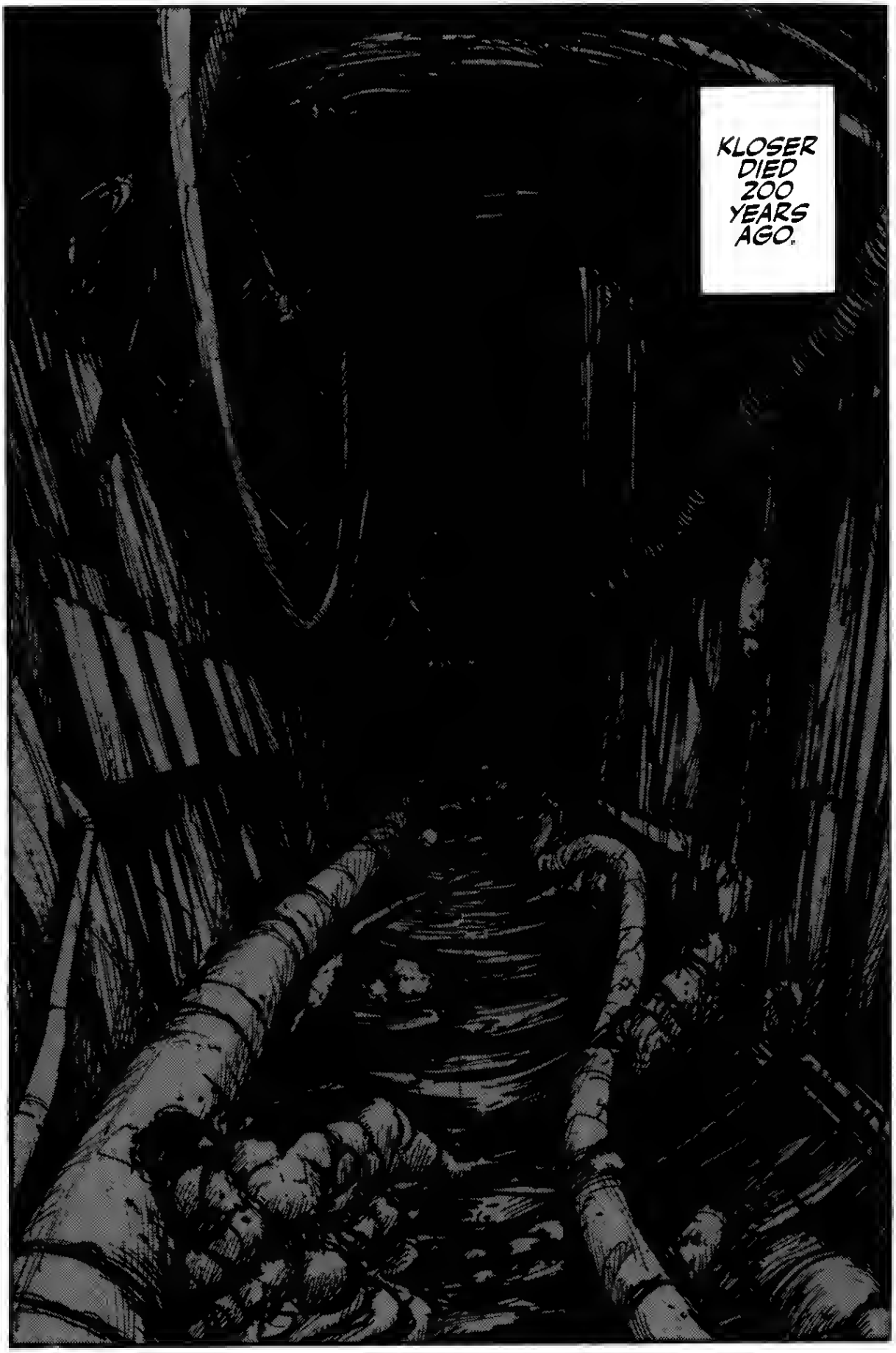
THE HEAVY METALLIC PASTE CONTINUES TO BE SHIPPED IN FROM SOMEWHERE BEYOND OUR ORBIT.

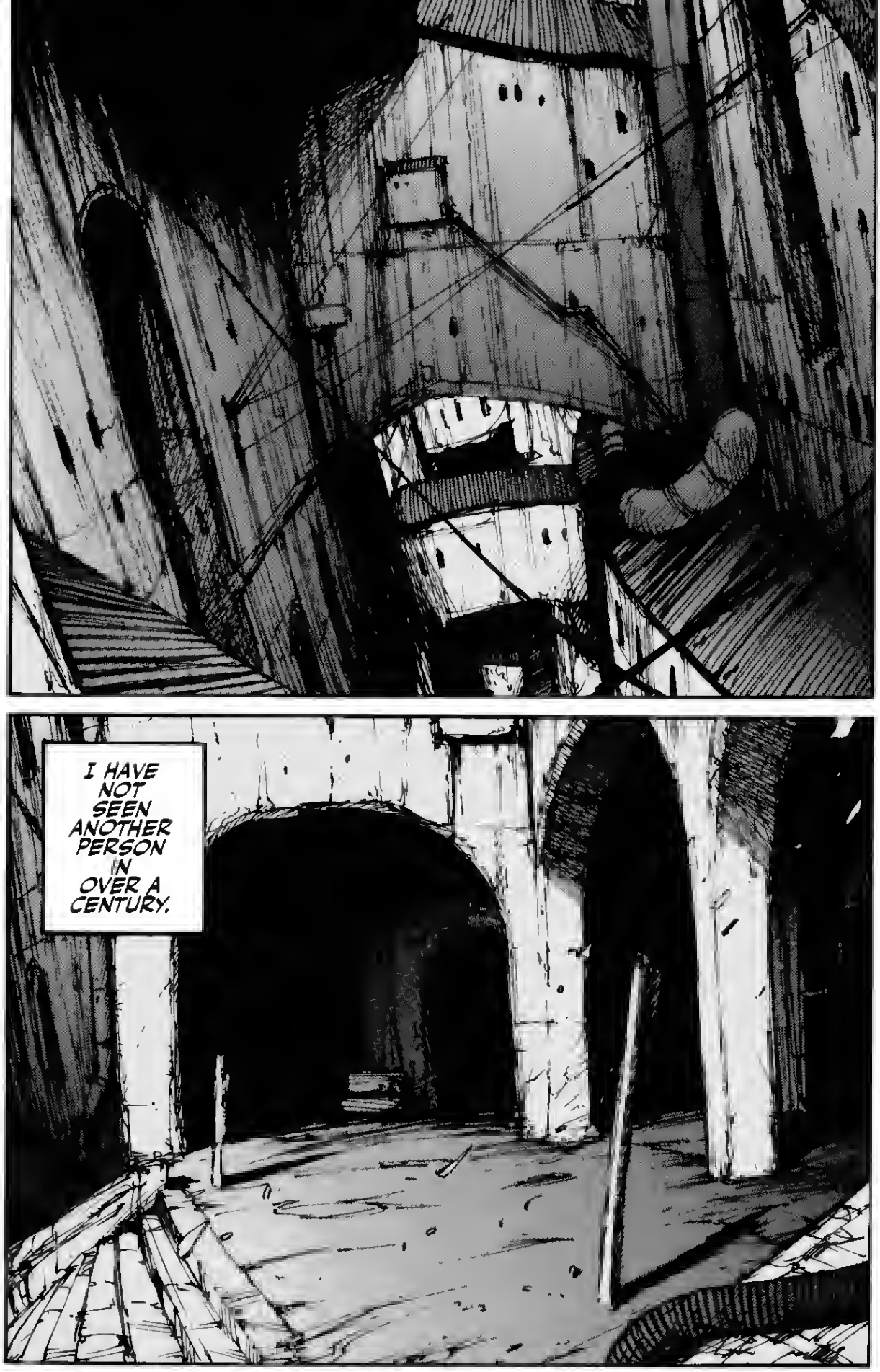

SWARMS OF BUILDERS ABOUND.


EVEN THE GREAT SATELLITE THAT HUNG IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE CITY.


IN THE END, I WAS UNSUC-CESSFUL.
THE ORDER MARTYRED ITSELF IN THE NAME OF CHAOS, TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A NEW, INHUMAN BIOLOGY.

THEY LIVE ON NOW AS PARASITES, INFECTING THE CITY.

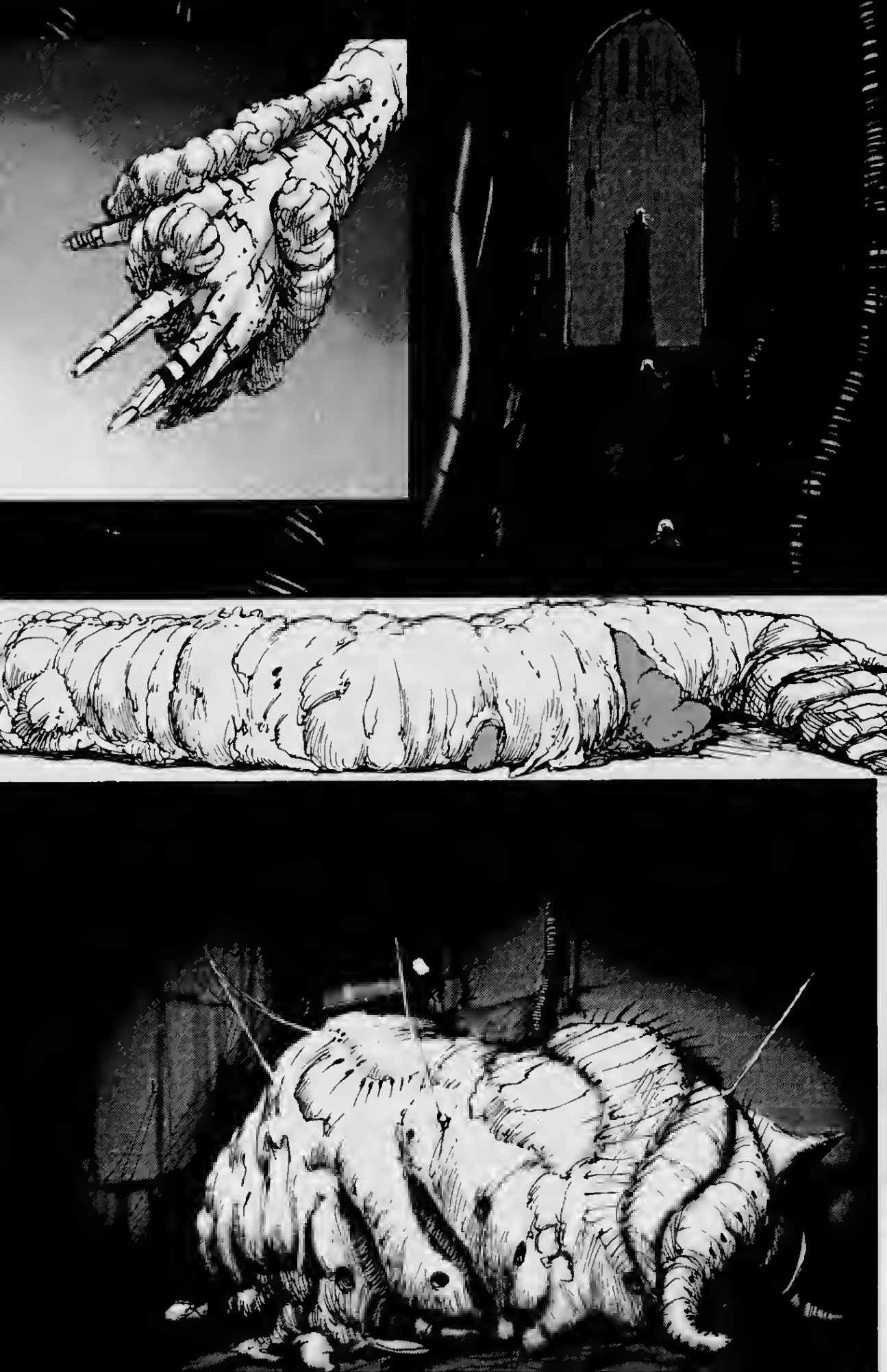

KLOSER DIED 200 YEARS AGO.


I HAVE NOT SEEN ANOTHER PERSON IN OVER A CENTURY.

THE NETSPHERE'S EXPANSION CONTINUES.
FIN

「負の回廊」

Negative Corridor



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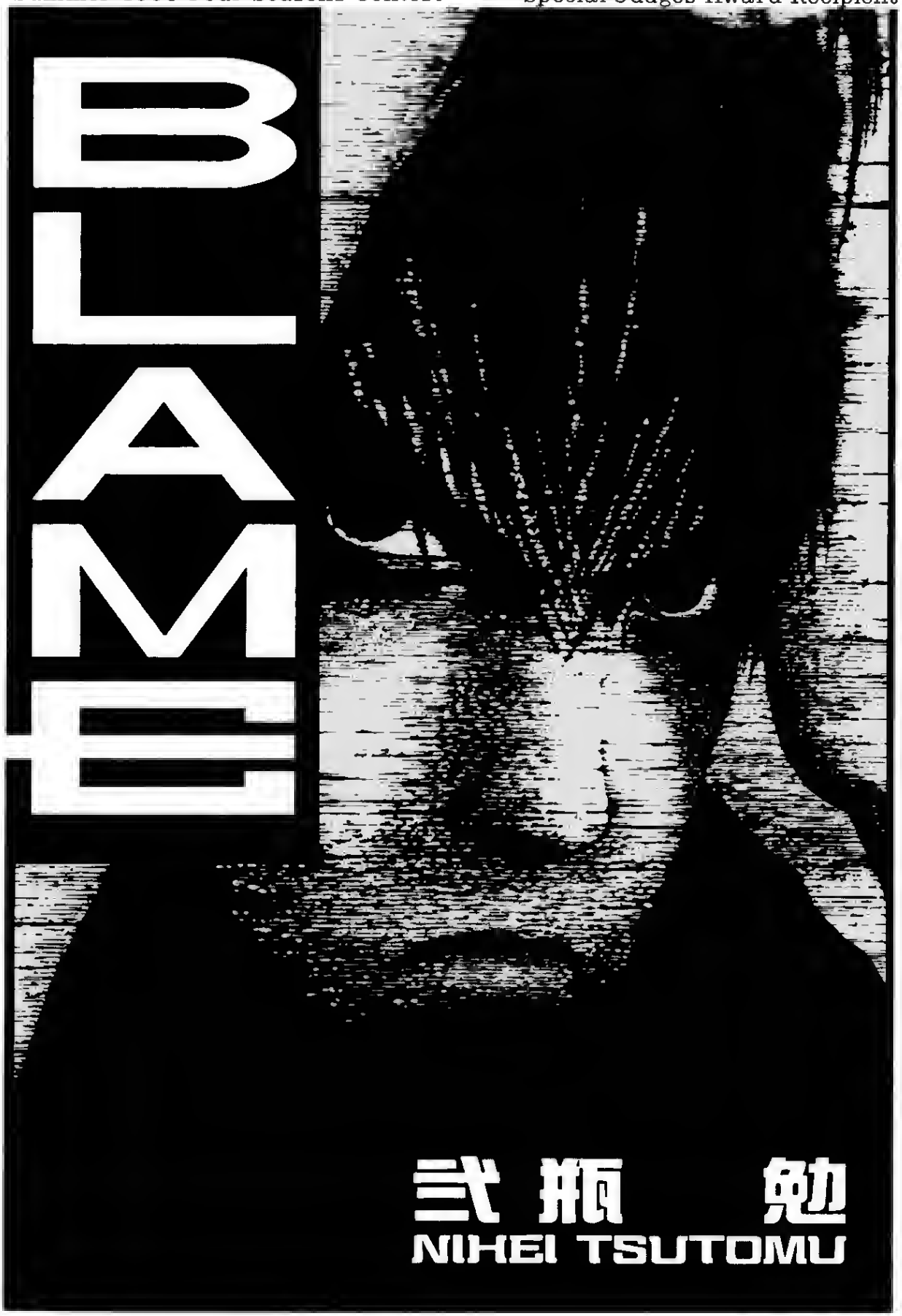

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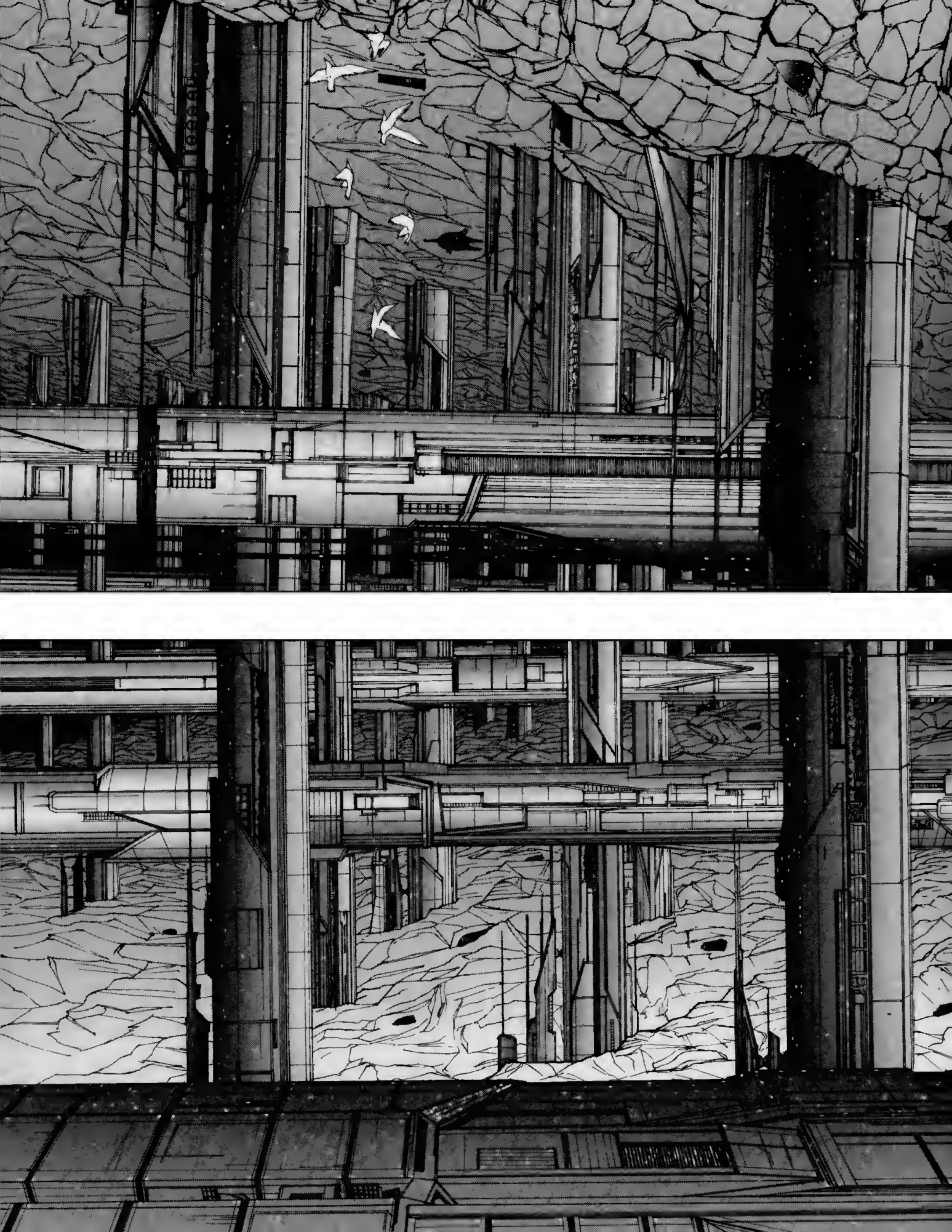
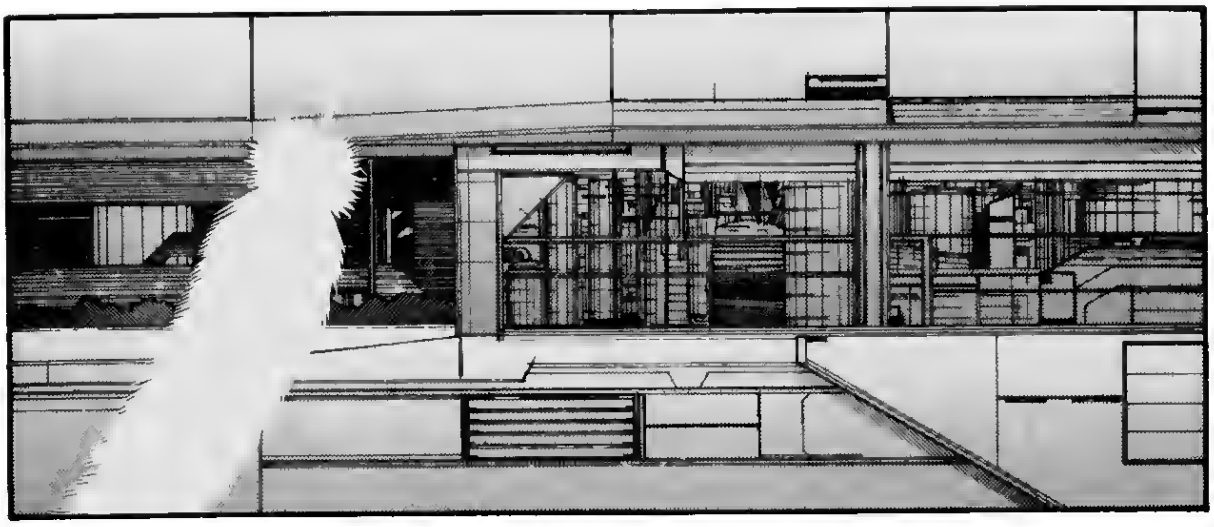
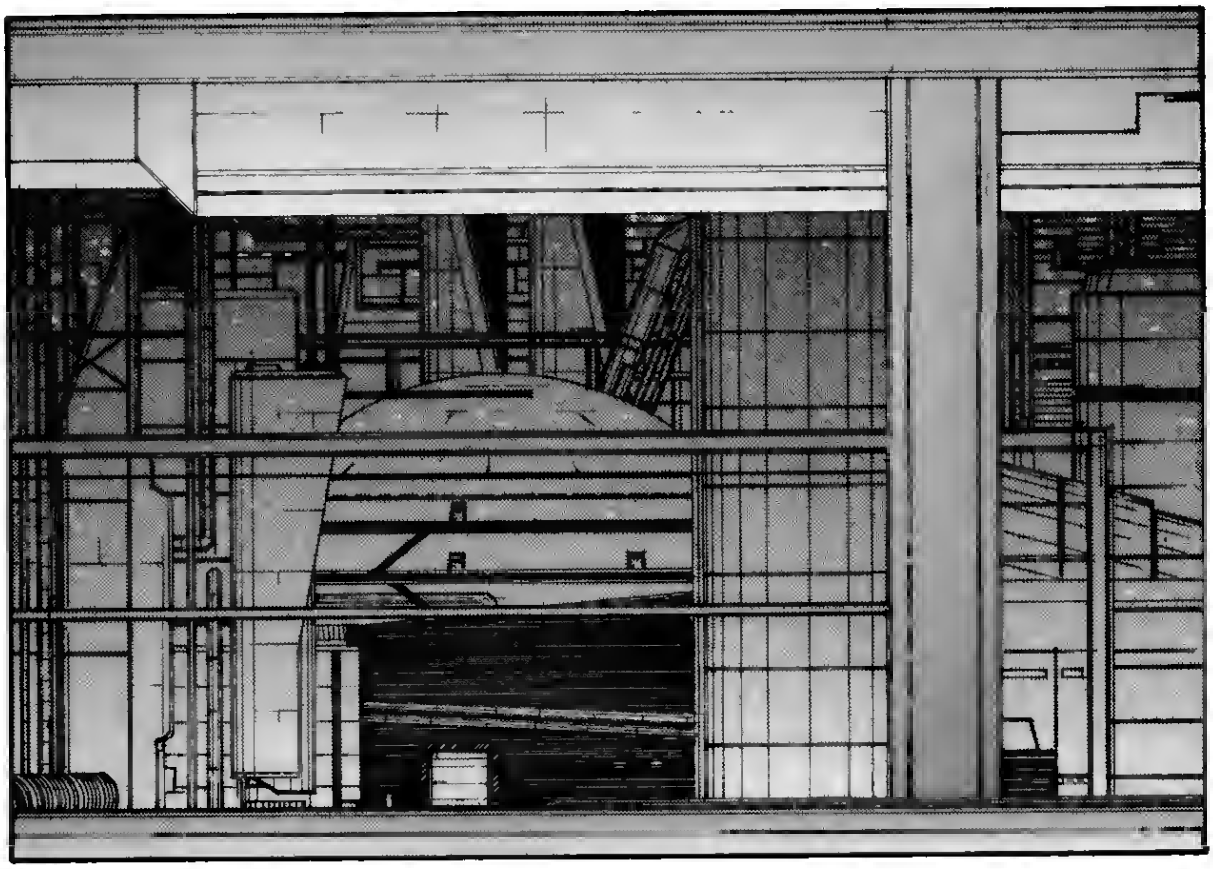
NIHEI TSUTOMU

Nihei Tsutomu's Debut Work



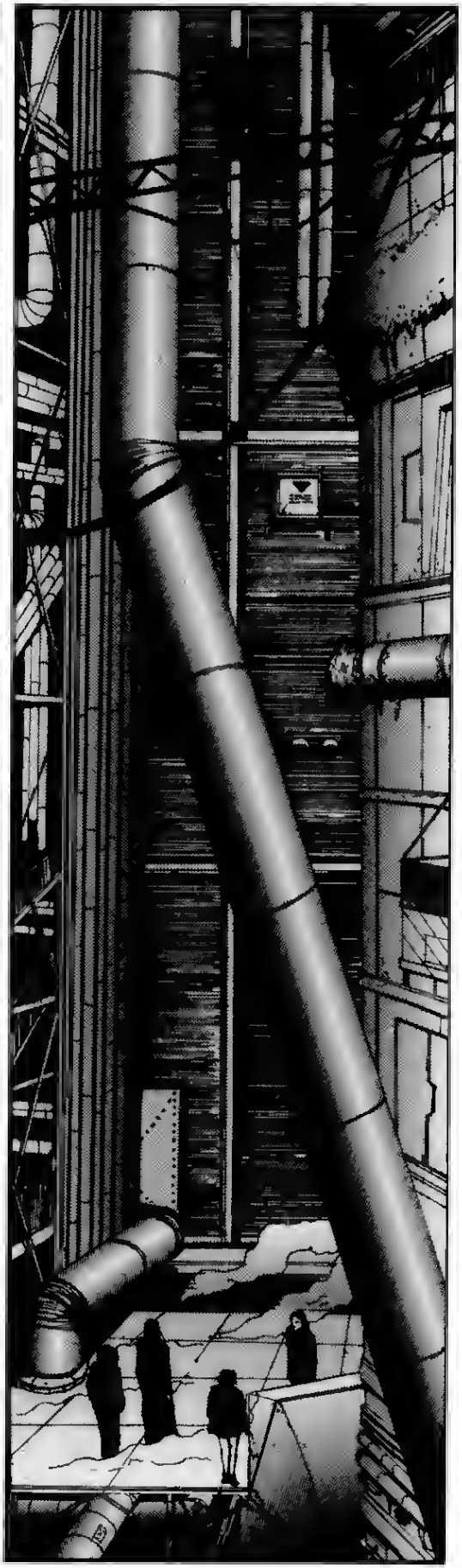


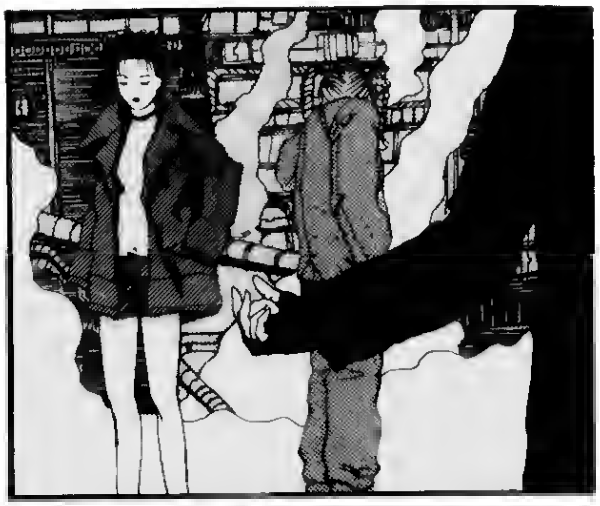


I GOT TWO KILOS OF SUBPOLAR. CAN YOU REALLY PAY?

I GOT MONEY, MAN.

BUT I AIN'T GOT TIME. LET'S MAKE IT QUICK.





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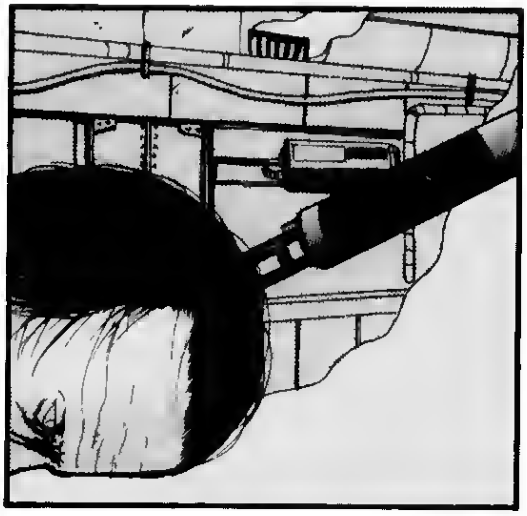

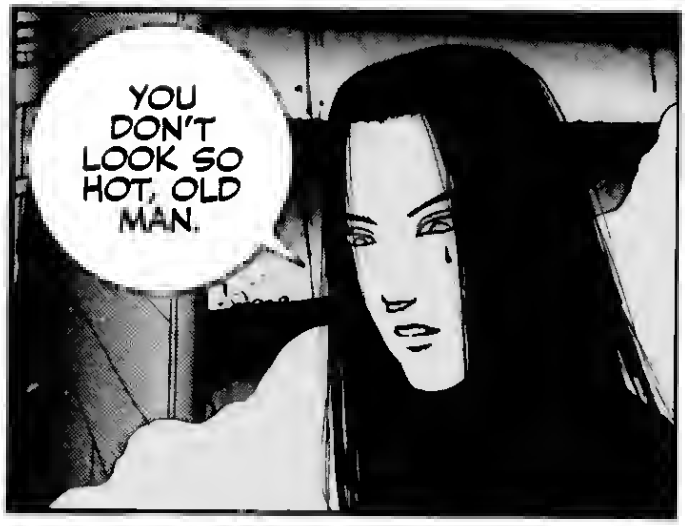

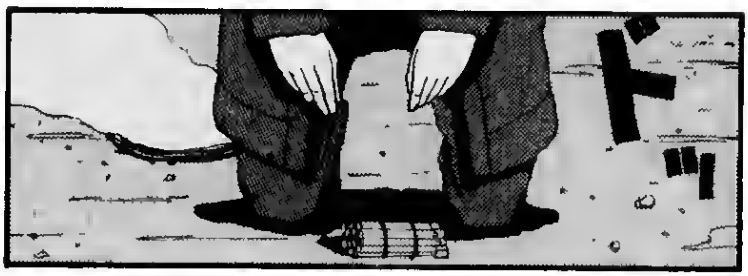

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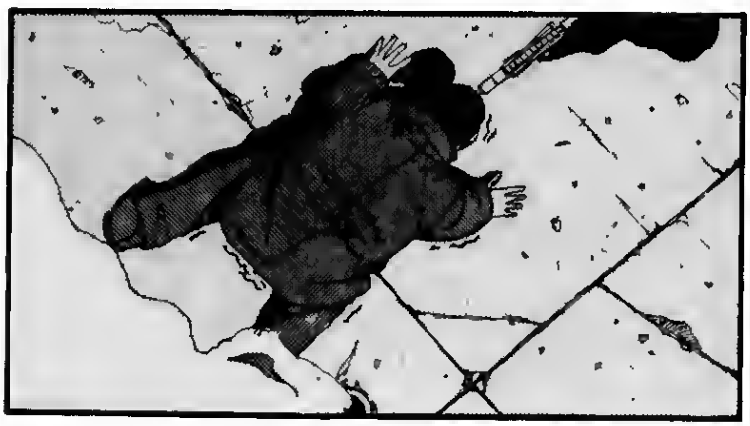

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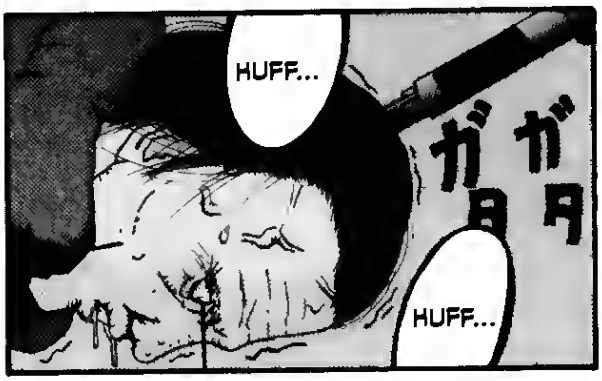

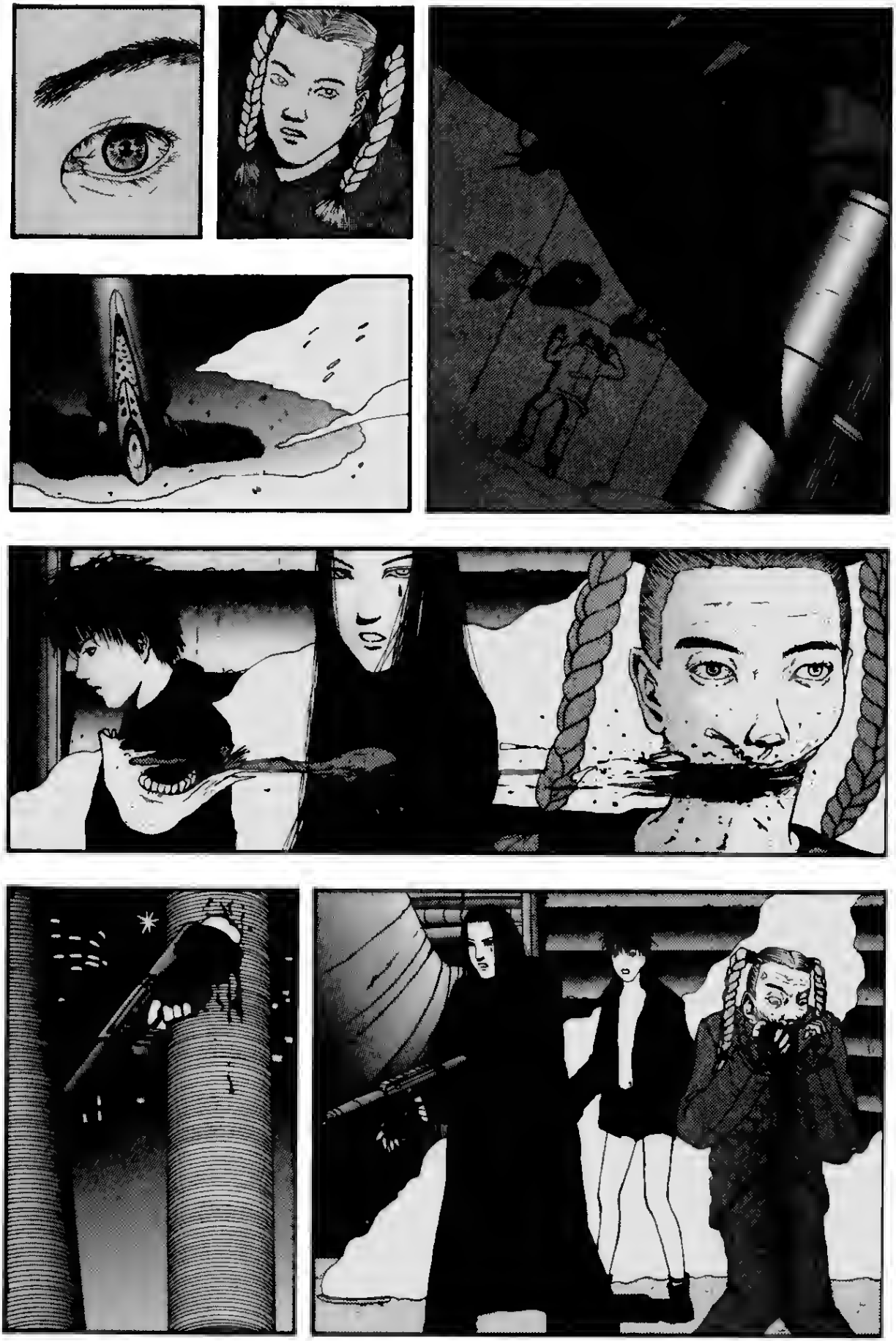

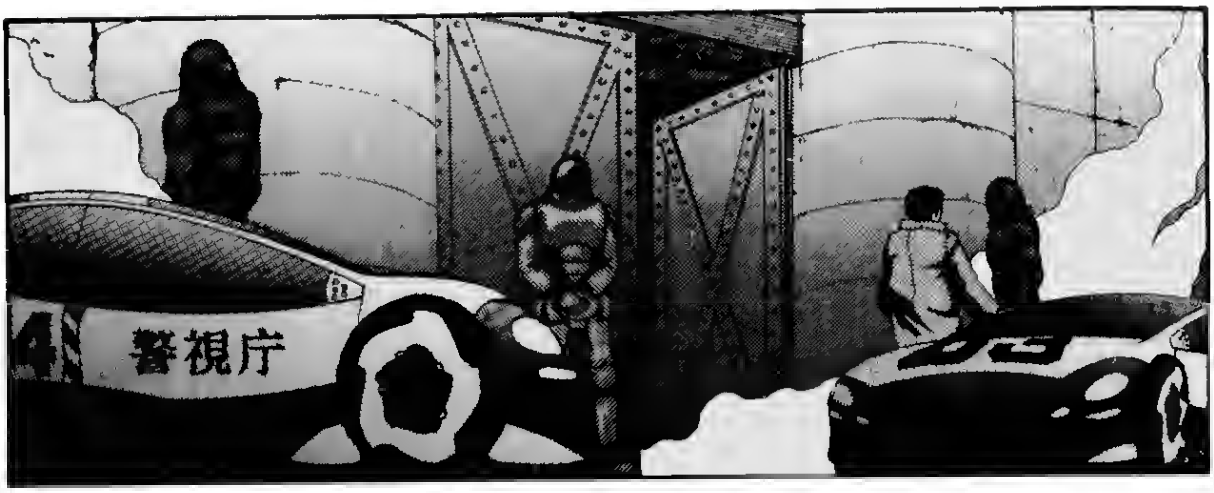
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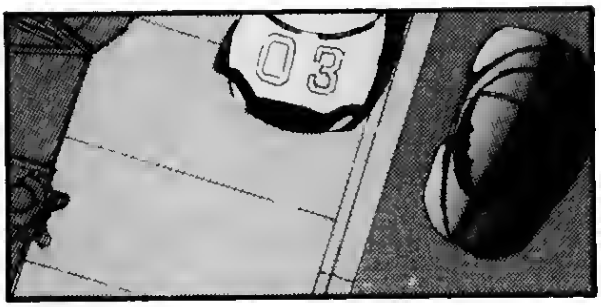
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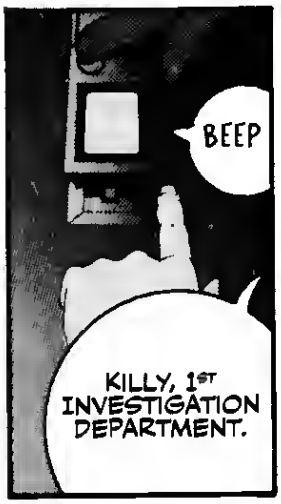
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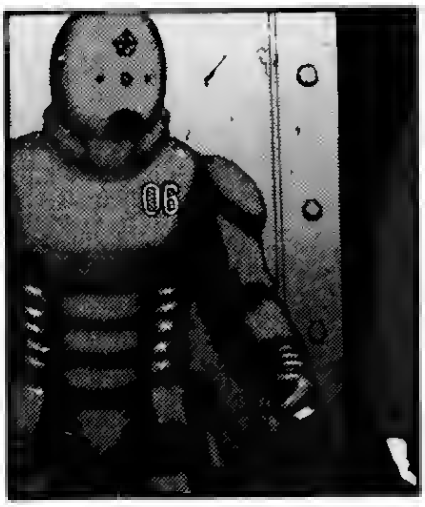
KILLY, 1ST INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.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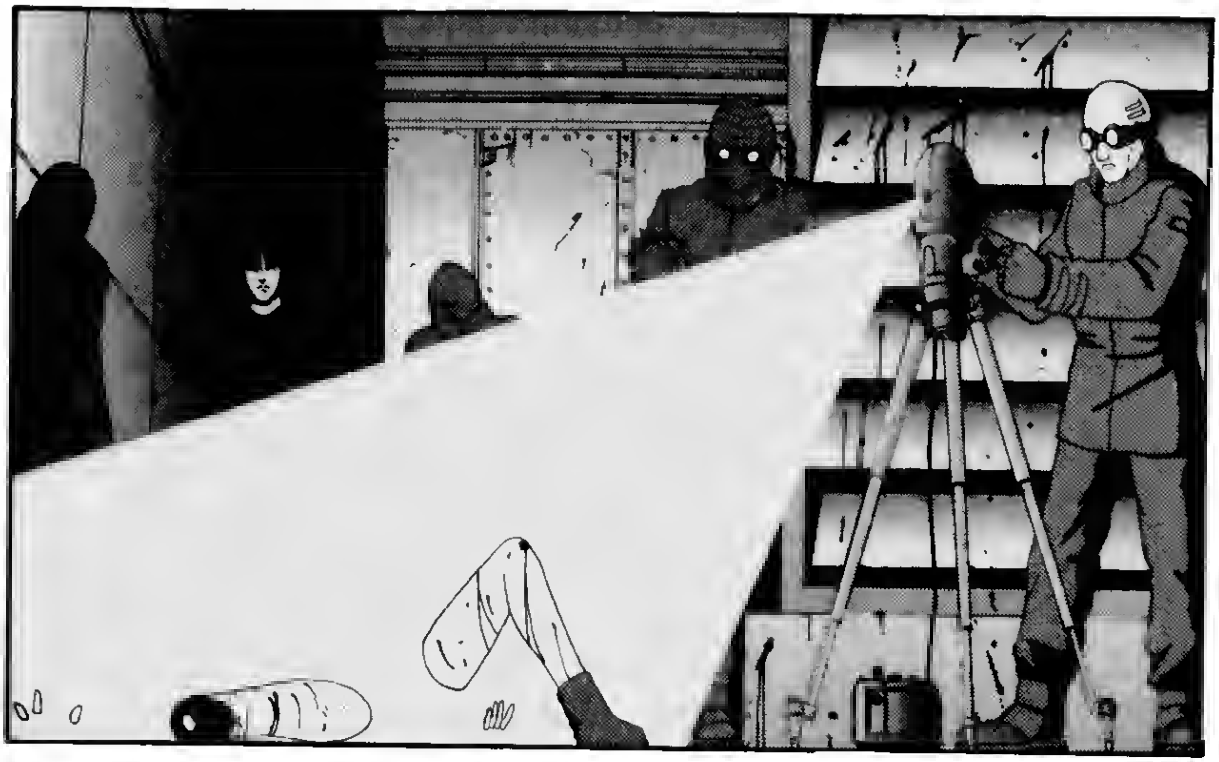

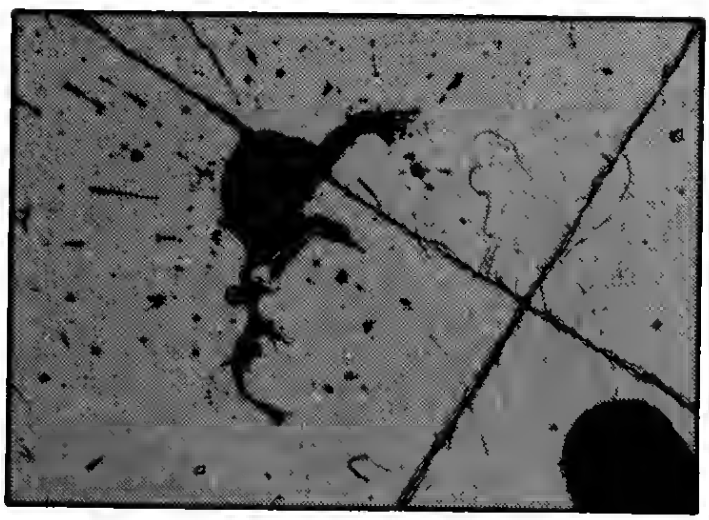

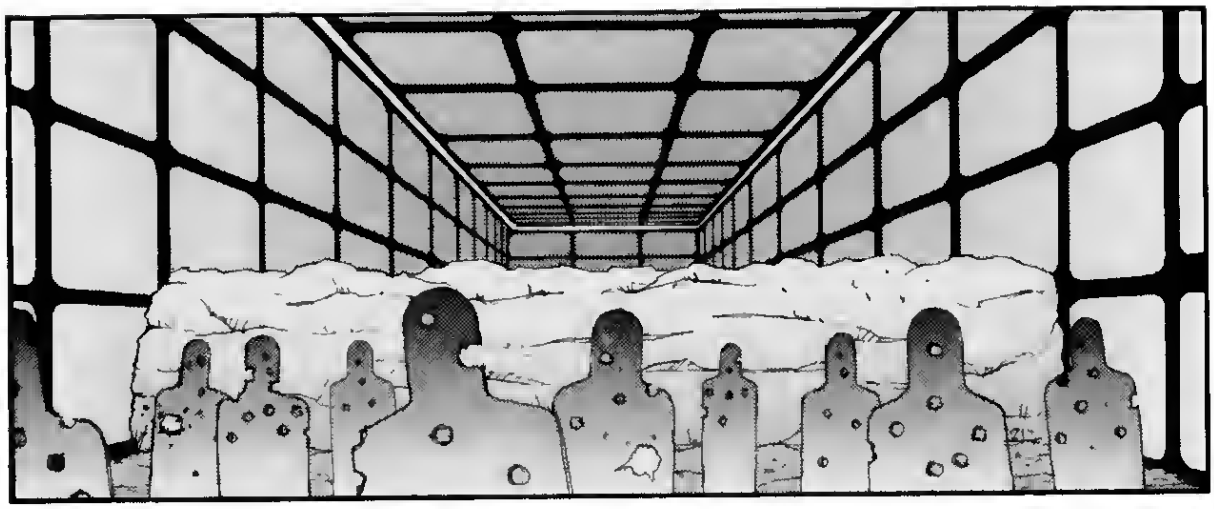

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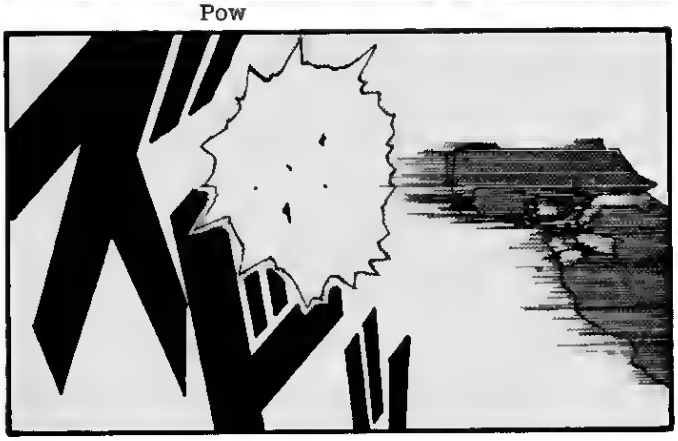
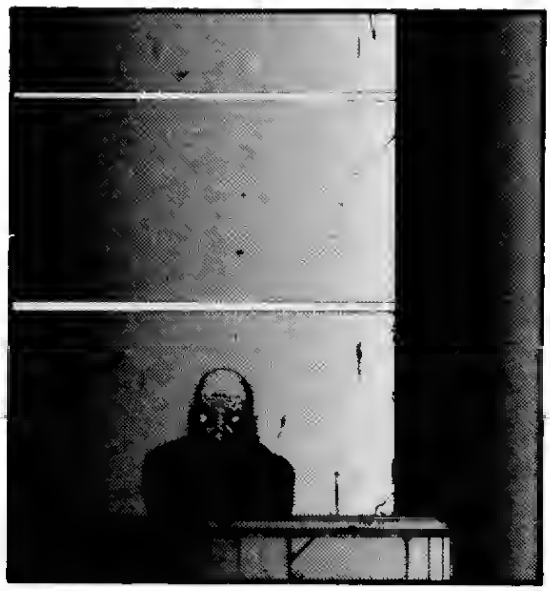
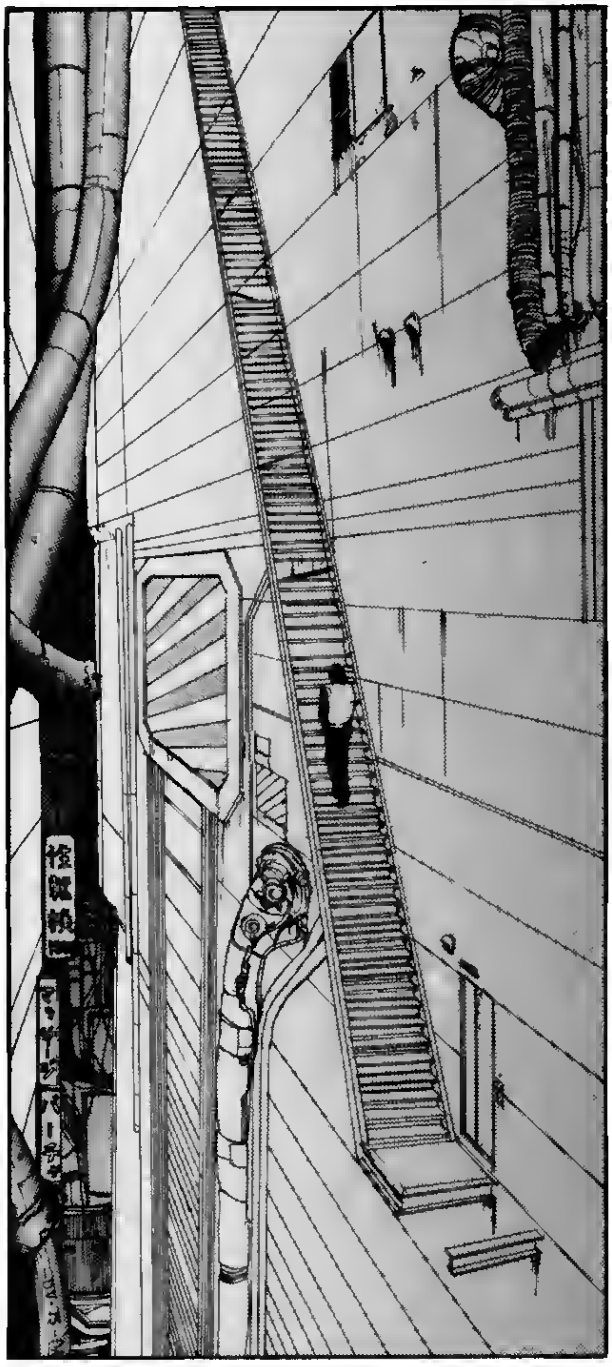
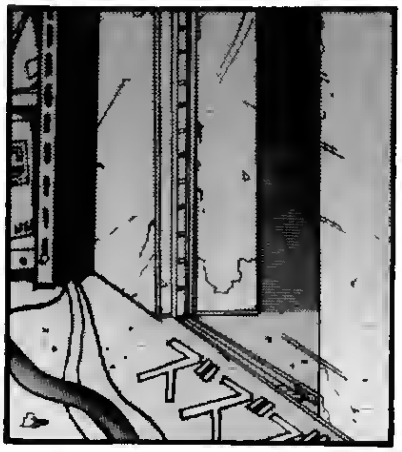


Bam
Slllllde
WE'RE USING THE DATA FROM THAT BLOOD TO TRACE ITS OWNER WITH A SPY SATELLITE. WE'LL HAVE HIS LOCATION ANY MOMENT NOW.
KILLY, THE BLOODSTAINS WE FOUND AT THE SCENE DIDN'T MATCH ANY OF THE THREE VICTIMS.
BEEBEEP







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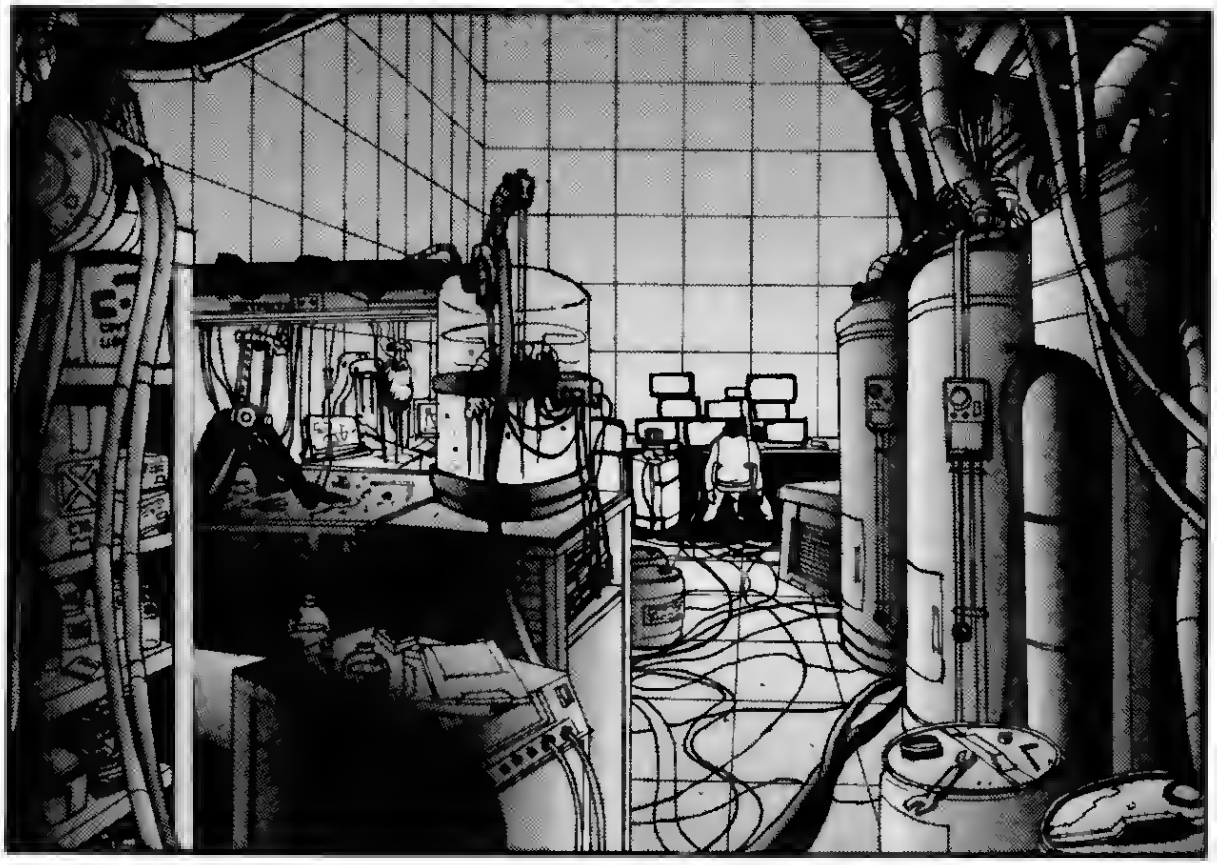
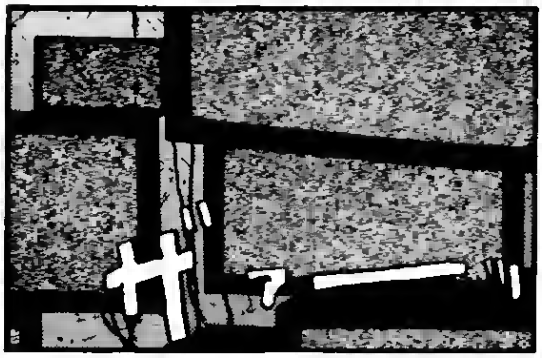


DON'T MOVE.

Drip drip

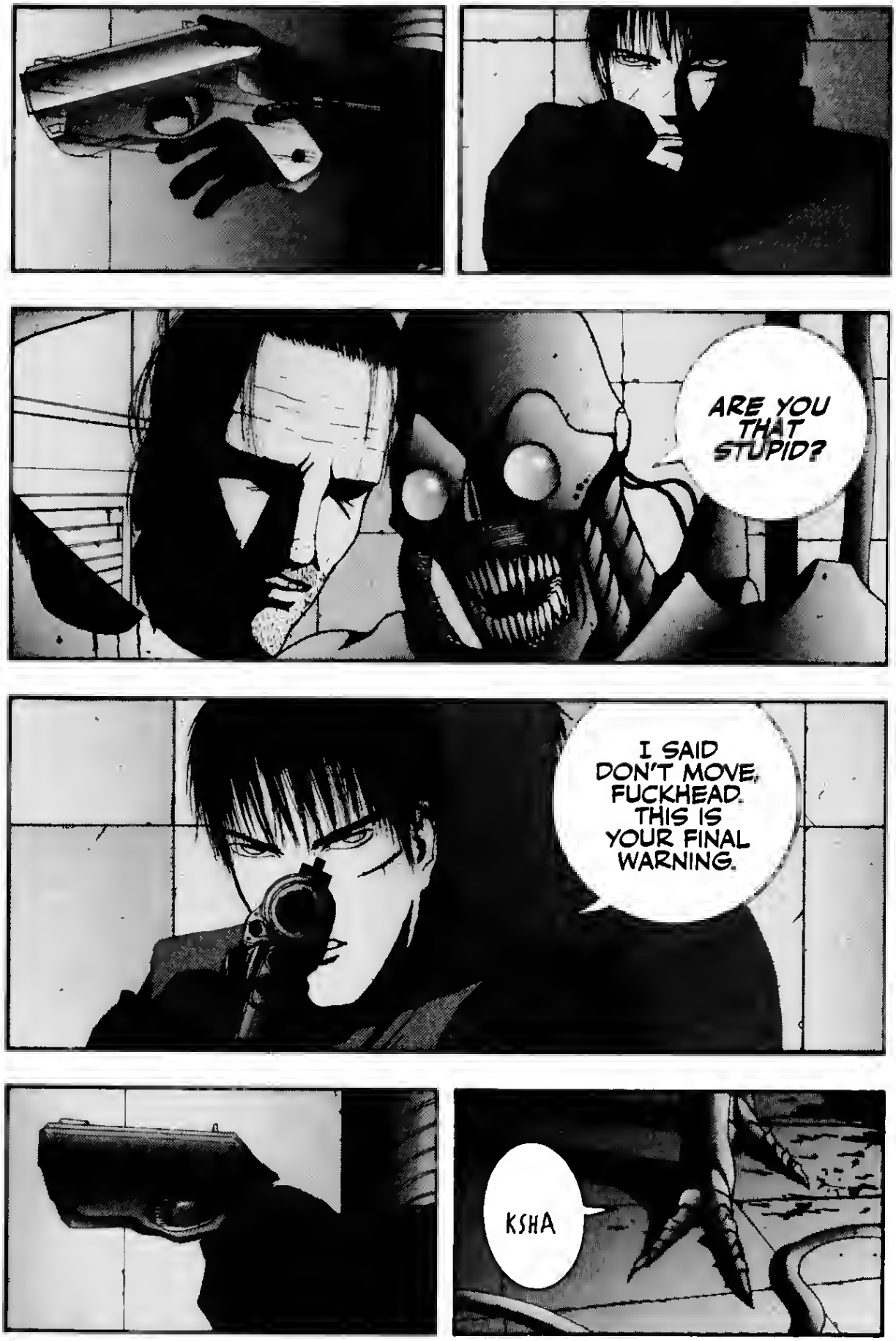


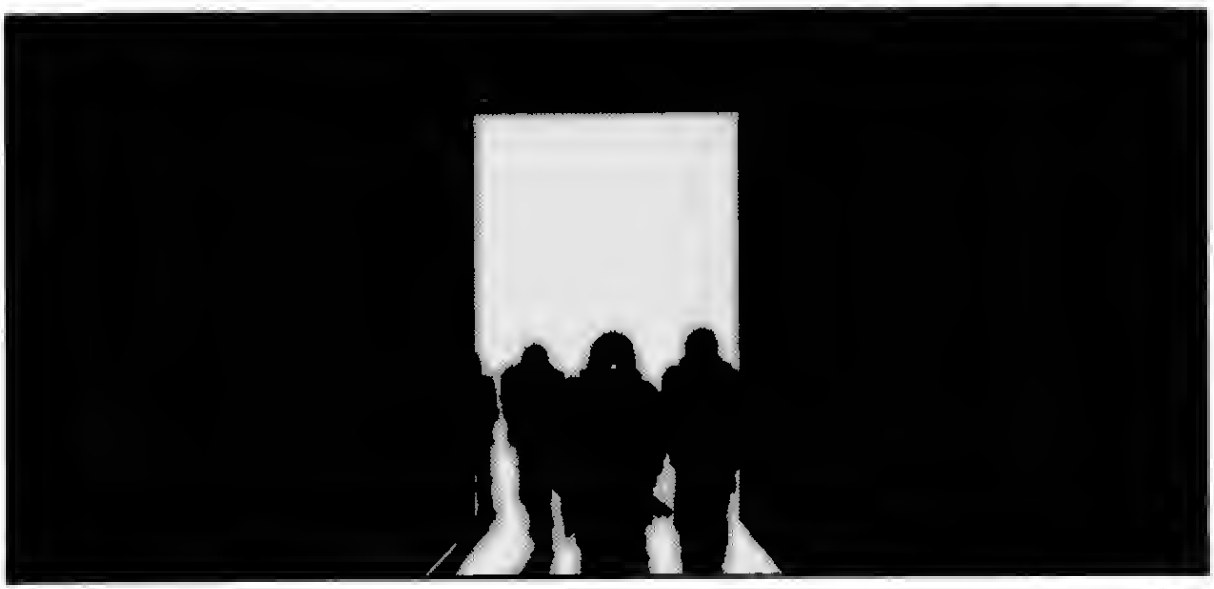
Zhhhh

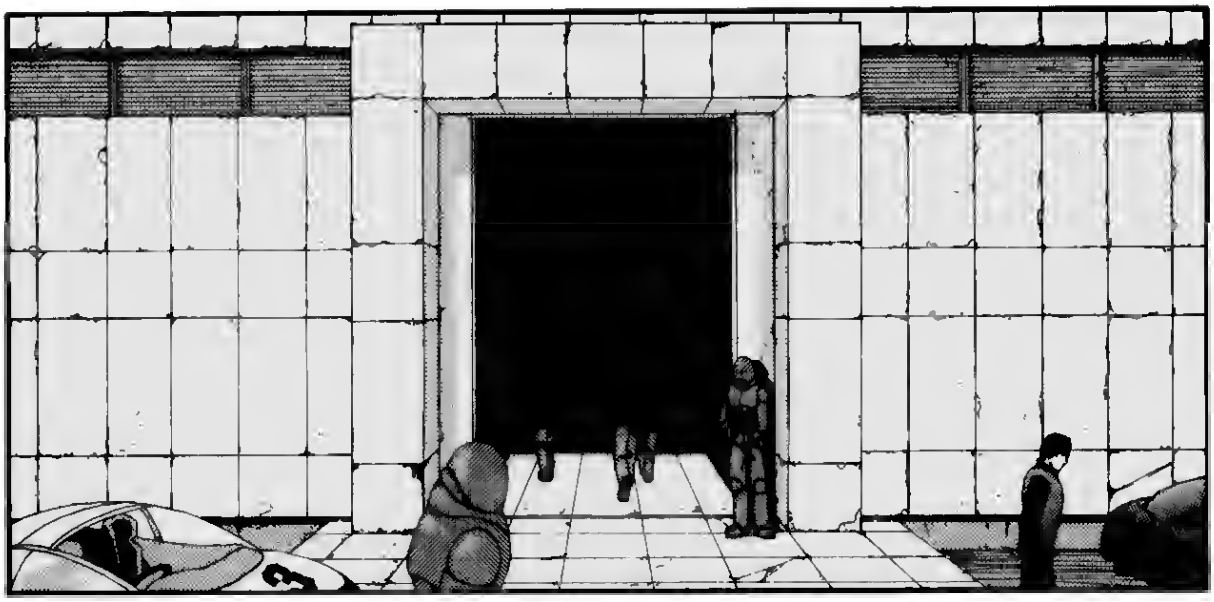
Bang Bang Bang Bang

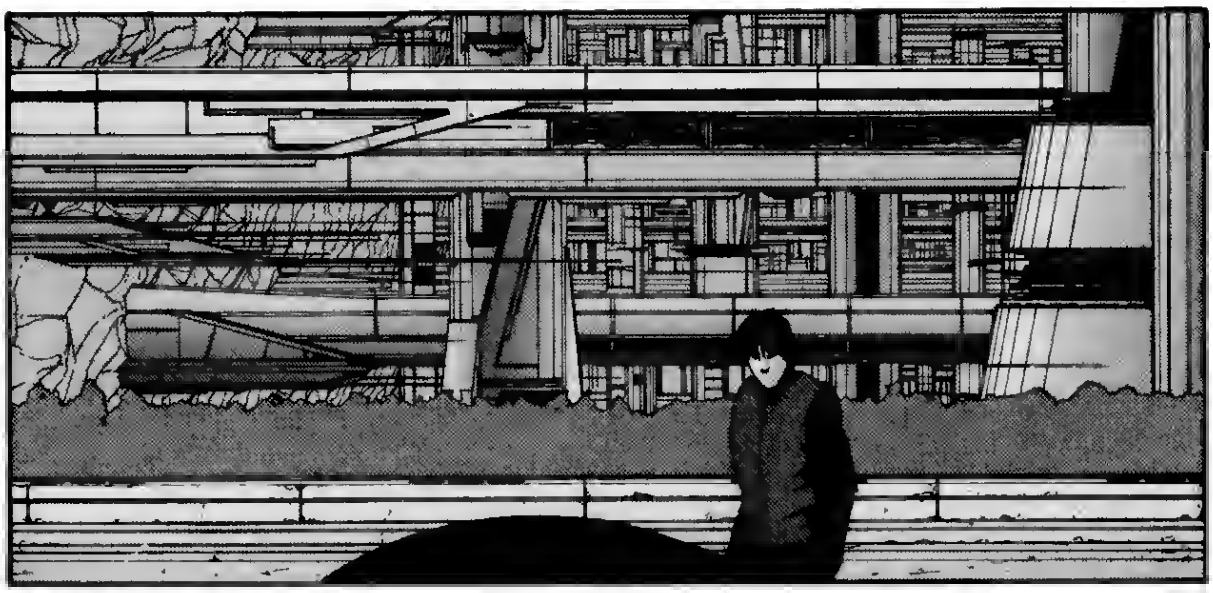
HALT.
Kshnk kshnk
YOU KNEW?
...AND I'LL BLOW AWAY YOUR REAL BRAIN.
MAKE ANOTHER STEP...

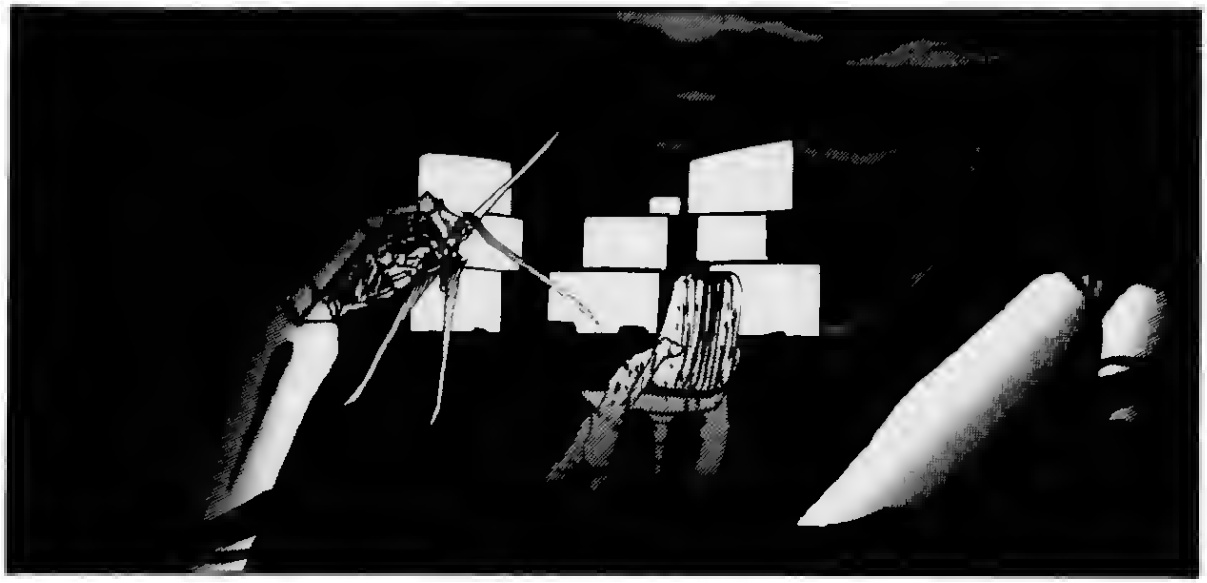
Pshhht
SHHT
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO HIM, HOWEVER.

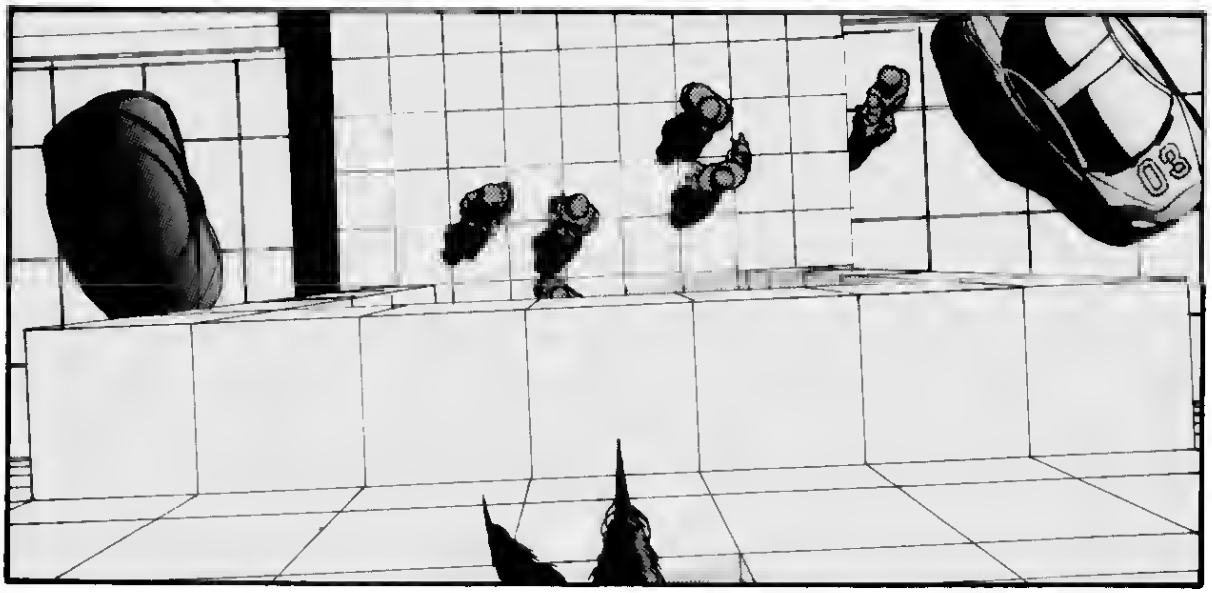

ARE YOU THAT STUPID?
I SAID DON'T MOVE, FUCKHEAD. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING.
KSHA







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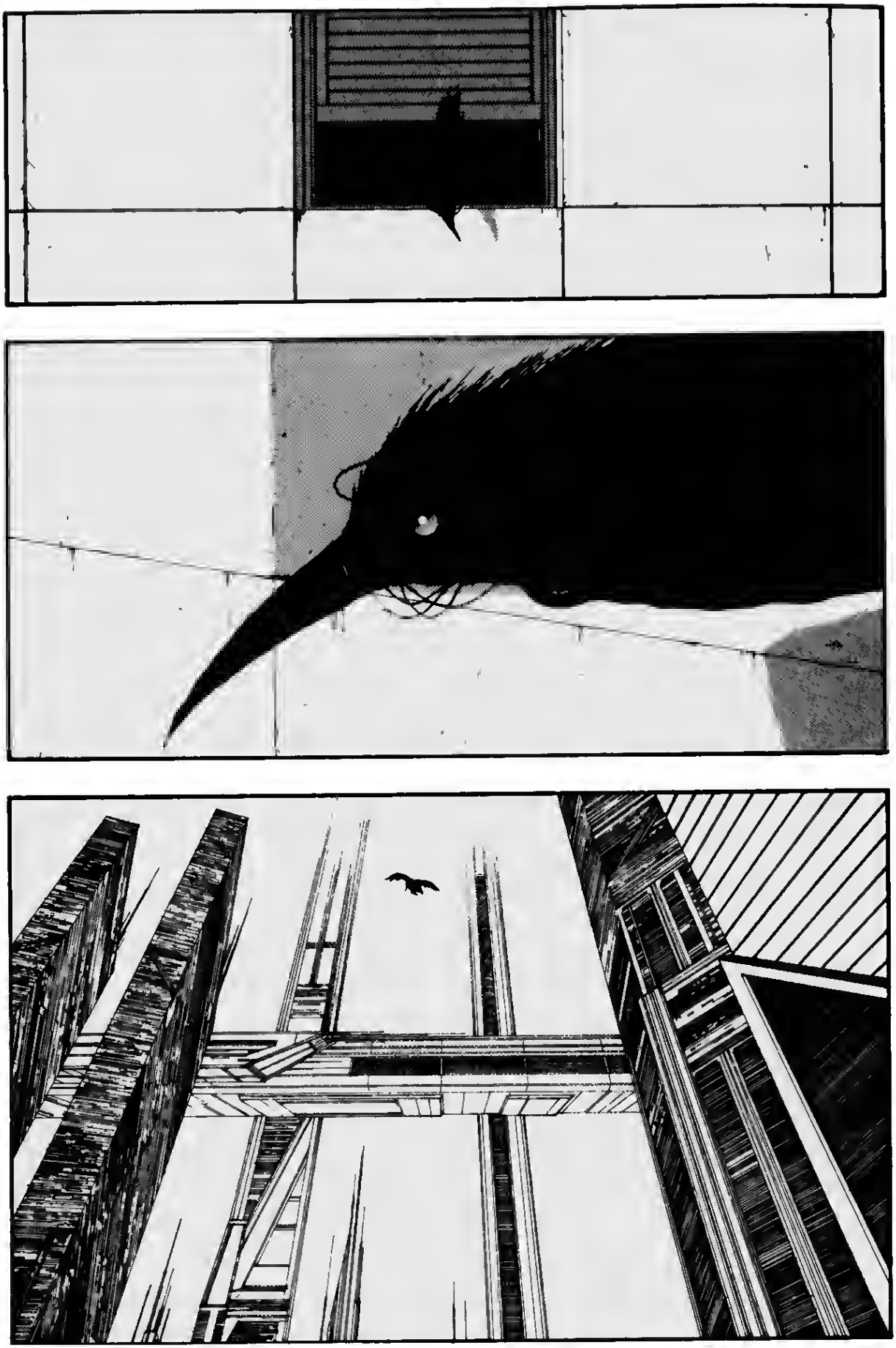

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